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## EBOLA OUTBREAK

# Are they ready?

DOD confident it has proper procedures in place despite growing concerns in US

By CHRIS CARROLL  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is confident it has measures in place to protect thousands of troops sent to Liberia to help combat Ebola and protect their families when they return, even as doubts have emerged about civilian protocols after two health care workers have tested positive for the disease in Dallas.

Troops returning from Ebola-stricken zones in Africa will be scrutinized twice — once by commanders and once by medical personnel — and those with high disease exposure risk will be quarantined for three weeks, according to a new Pentagon policy memo.

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The Oct. 10 memo from Jessica L. Wright, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, sets guidelines for pre-deployment training of Defense Department personnel, health monitoring while on deployment and requirements for returning troops and DOD civilians.

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Cpl. Zachary Wicker shows how to properly remove gloves in Fort Bliss, Texas, on Tuesday. About 500 Fort Bliss soldiers will deploy to West Africa to help in areas affected by the Ebola outbreak.

JUAN CARLOS LLORCA/AP

## Report: Troops hurt by Iraq's old WMDs

Stars and Stripes

While claims that Iraq was still producing weapons of mass destruction just before the 2003 invasion of the country proved false, the U.S. military tried to cover up injuries to American troops who found chemical stockpiles from before the First Gulf War, according to The New York Times.

Some troops were exposed to deadly mustard gas and sarin when they tried to destroy weapons, the newspaper reported in Wednesday's editions.

**At least 17 American troops and seven Iraqi police officers were exposed to nerve or mustard gas agents, according to the New York Times.**

The weapons were not one of the ones that the Bush Administration erroneously claimed Saddam Hussein was producing in violation of U.N. sanctions. Some of them were designed in America and sold to Iraq for use in the Iran-Iraq War, a conflict that left hundreds of thousands dead between 1980 and 1988.

Amid an effort to keep the discoveries quiet, U.S. troops were denied proper medical care and other troops were unknowingly put in contact with the chemical agents, according to the report.

In all, at least 17 American troops and seven Iraqi police officers were exposed to nerve or mustard gas agents, according to the Times. American officials told the newspaper that the actual number was slightly higher

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Hong Kong police have gone insane today, carrying out their own punishment in private. Hong Kong's values and its rule of law really have been completely destroyed by police chiefs."

— Pro-democracy lawmaker Lee Cheuk-yan, after local TV showed officers taking a protester around a dark corner and kicking him

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## MILITARY

# Army aims for more minority officers

By Tom Vandeen Brook  
USA Today

WASHINGTON — The Army, concerned about the lack of black and other minority officers, plans to expand recruiting efforts in major metropolitan areas, top officers said Monday.

Black and other minority officers are virtually absent from leadership of the Army's combat units — the main avenue toward the service's highest ranks, USA Today reported in August.

The Army has adopted the shortage by implementing a strategy that includes enhanced recruiting and mentoring of young minority officers.

"It takes us about 25 years to make a senior officer," said Lt. Gen. James McConville, the Army's top officer for personnel. "So we've got to start now. As we look at the demographics moving forward, our country is going to be

much more diverse. The demographics are changing as we go forward. And we're going to need to reflect those demographics and we need to start right now."

Infantry, armor and artillery units have the most acute shortages of black officers. In 2014, there was one black colonel among 26 brigades, the Army's main fighting unit of about 4,000 soldiers. Brigades consist of three to four battalions of 800 to 1,000 soldiers led by lieutenant colonels. Just one of those 78 battalions is scheduled to be led by a black officer in 2015.

One effort to deal with the shortage will be expanded efforts to recruit minority officers in New York City, Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago, Dallas and Phoenix, said Brig. Gen. Peggy Combs, who leads Army Cadet Command, its center for the Reserve Officer Training Corps, its college program to commission officers.

About 14 percent of ROTC students are African American, Combs said, up one percent

age point from 2013. The Army also aims to encourage more minority students to attend college to expand the pool of potential officers, she said.

A hurdle the Army faces, McConville said, is that the Army is becoming a "family business," in which successive generations of the same people continue to serve. Sons and daughters of soldiers understand how "exciting life" can be in the Army.

"But we have other areas of the country where the military is not very well represented," McConville said. "They don't get to see what happens on a military base. They're not quite sure what military life is like."

Finding young minority officers now is key to diversifying the next generation of the Army's leaders, he said.

"We have three four-star African American generals," he said. "We want to continue to have that opportunity to serve."

## Desertion case presents challenges to prosecutors

By Jonathan Drew  
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Prosecutors could have a difficult time proving the desertion case against a U.S. Marine who vanished from his unit in Iraq a decade ago, according to a military report.

The government has a circumstantial case and could have a hard time finding witnesses to testify against Cpl. Wassef Hassoun, 34, because the case is so old and many witnesses were Iraqis, the officer who presided over the military equivalent of a grand jury noted in the report.

Hassoun's attorney cites the difficulty in producing witnesses in his request this week for another chance to dissuade the Marines from taking the case to trial. Late last month, Maj. Gen. William D. Beyerler referred Hassoun to a court-martial on charges of desertion, larceny and destruction of government property.

Defense attorney Haytham Faraj argued that many witnesses should have testified at the Article 32 hearing and that unworn statements from witnesses improperly influenced the decision to go to a court-martial.

Faraj also said he didn't receive evidence that could help his client until weeks after the hearing.

The officer who presided over the Article 32 hearing said the government faces a significant hurdle in finding Iraqi natives and contractors from a decade ago. In Iraq, Hassoun had been part of a team to develop intelligence by interacting with Iraqis who worked on the base.

"Mr. Faraj is absolutely right — if trial counsel is unable to track down and produce the witnesses in this case, the government stands little chance of meeting its burden at trial. The government's case hinges upon the appearance and credibility of the witnesses," Martin wrote in the Sept. 10 report.

It was provided to The Associated Press by the defense. Hassoun is being held at Camp Lejeune.

Martin noted that an NCIS agent who testified at the Article 32 acknowledged that "many if not most of the non-U.S. witnesses in this case will not be reachable by the government."

Still, Martin said it's up to him to determine whether the charges have merit — not determine guilt or innocence. Martin also wrote that he didn't consider the un-



JOHN ALTHOUSE, THE JACKSONVILLE DAILY NEWS/AP

Defense attorneys 1st Lt. Brittaney Bennett, left, and Haytham Faraj, right, escort Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun, center, to his Article 32 hearing at Camp Lejeune, N.C., on Aug. 21. Hassoun has been referred to a court-martial on desertion charges.

sown statements.

A Marines spokesman declined to comment on Tuesday.

The case began in June 2004, when Hassoun disappeared from a base in Fallujah, Iraq. About a week later, he appeared in a photo purportedly taken by insurgents. Hassoun was blindfolded and had a sword poised above his head.

Hassoun, a naturalized American citizen who was born and grew up in Lebanon, turned up days later at the U.S. Embassy in Lebanon, saying he was kid-

napped by extremists.

The military doubted his story, and he was brought back to the U.S. while charges were considered. He was allowed to visit relatives in Utah in December 2004 when he disappeared again.

Military prosecutors argue Hassoun was unhappy with his deployment and left the Marines. They cited witnesses who said Hassoun didn't like how the U.S. was interrogating Iraqis and that he said he wouldn't shoot back at Iraqis.

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## MILITARY



Gen. Philip Breedlove, supreme allied commander Europe, speaks during a NATO conference in Thessaloniki, Greece, on Wednesday.

## Online security forum focuses on Russia, Syria, other threats

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Describing the crisis in Ukraine as an “era-defining” event, NATO supreme commander Gen. Philip Breedlove said the alliance must seek answers to a host of thorny questions as NATO transforms in the face of new, unconventional threats.

“Russia’s actions challenge the fundamental assumptions and principles which Europe’s post-Cold War development was founded,” Breedlove said during an online security forum. “These actions appear to illustrate a desire to set the rules not only in Ukraine, but potentially in other bordering countries — a direct threat to the international order upon which global stability depends.”

During the three-day “Security Jam,” military officials and defense experts debated key problems ranging from the war in Syria and the Islamic State militant group, to the implications of Russian action around Ukraine.

The forum, an annual brainstorming session that aims to take on a complex range of threats, kicked off Tuesday. It was organized by a collection of global think tanks as well as U.S. European Command.

For Breedlove, who participated in an exchange Tuesday that focused on NATO’s role in 2025, the crisis in Ukraine serves as an example of the types of problems the international community could expect to see more of in the years ahead.

“[C]oncerning hybrid warfare we find a need to adjust our cultural mind-set, in that we have to prepare well left of incidents, provocations by Russia,” Breedlove stated. “And this will be our task in the coming years.”

In particular, the West must prepare to contend with Russia’s use of so-called “hybrid warfare” tactics, a complex mix of unconventional measures short of a

mass, formal invasion, but that still can cause unrest, Breedlove said. In Ukraine, U.S. and NATO officials have accused Russia of arming and backing pro-Russia separatists to create instability and open the door to Moscow’s annexation of Crimea.

Events in Ukraine have prompted NATO to beef up its presence in the region, with a new “spearhead” response force taking shape and a series of “staging bases” planned for Eastern Europe.

NATO, which was formed in the aftermath of World War II to deal with conventional threats to Western Europe posed by the massive Soviet army, must now prepare to counter the novel tactics unveiled in Ukraine as well as unconventional threats along the alliance’s southern border. Within NATO, concerns continue to grow over the danger posed by the Islamic State group, which counts in its ranks hundreds of European and American fundamentalists.

The crisis in Ukraine, meanwhile, “is an era-defining event, requiring answers to elusive and ill-defined questions,” Breedlove said.

Among the questions asked by Breedlove:

■ How to deter future aggression while simultaneously assuring member states?

■ What are the consequences for European security if “Russia’s rules” are applied elsewhere?

■ How does the NATO alliance adapt to deal with conflict between partner nations?

While no immediate or easy answers emerged from Tuesday’s discussions, Breedlove said such forums are a step toward finding solutions.

“Future strategies must have defined end states that are politically, economically and socially cohesive,” Breedlove said, adding this was necessary to confront “an array of uncharted challenges we must work together on.”

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# Odierno: ‘Military risk is accumulating exponentially’

By CHRIS CARROLL  
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WASHINGTON — Bad assumptions about future conflicts and the amount of U.S. military power needed to manage them have “exponentially” increased the military risk the United States faces, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno said Tuesday.

Sudden crises ranging from the collapse of the Iraqi military to Russian aggression in Ukraine to a record Ebola outbreak in West Africa — as well as operations elsewhere — have the Army scrambling on six continents.

Yet it is taking on a bewildering range of new jobs amid falling end-strength numbers, decreased training and readiness and a lack of investment in new weaponry and equipment, Odierno told an audience at the Association of the U.S. Army meeting and exposition in Washington.

“We are witnessing firsthand mistaken assumptions about the number, duration, location and size of future force elements, and the need to conduct post-stability operations,” he said. “These miscalculations translate directly into increased military risk.”

“And frankly as I stand here, military risk is accumulating exponentially.”

The Army in 2012 announced plans to drop to an active-duty force of 490,000 troops in the wake of Middle Eastern conflicts ending, down from 570,000 troops at the height of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

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Gen. Ray Odierno  
Army chief of staff



Then, staring down the barrel of massive sequestration budget cuts, the Army early this year declared it could carry out the nation’s new Asia-focused national defense strategy with just 450,000 troops.

But that won’t cut it anymore, and the Army now likely needs at least 490,000 troops, Odierno told the press Monday. New investments in equipment and

training are needed too, he said.

“The problem is since we made those statements, the world is changing in front of us,” Odierno said.

The pace is increasingly severe, he said. Most of the Army’s division headquarters are deployed around the world, including a staff deploying to Liberia to coordinate as many as 4,000 soldiers sent to provide engineering and logistics expertise in a fight to suppress an Ebola outbreak.

Another is heading to Iraq, where U.S. soldiers are returning to advise Iraqi forces in a fight against Islamic State militants, who have overrun much of the country.

Army forces remain “fully committed” in Afghanistan, and rotational deployments are reinforcing allies and building military-to-military partnerships from Asia to Eastern Europe, he said.

The Army’s new operating concept, rolled out at the AUSA exposition this week, defines the service’s task in the coming decade in the title: “Win in a Complex World.”

“That world is already here, Odierno said.

“Today as I stand here, with seven of our 10 army division headquarters currently deployed around the globe, providing critical command and control and synchronizing with our allies ... it sounds like we’re setting the foundation now for the future operating concept,” he said.

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## Revised maritime strategy to be released

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WASHINGTON — For the first time in seven years, the Navy and its sister services soon will release an updated version of their global maritime strategy, the service’s top officer said Tuesday.

The revisions are now being reviewed by the commandants of the Coast Guard and Marine Corps. The service chiefs of the Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps have to sign off before the new strategy is released.

“We’re getting pretty close to that,” Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert told audience members at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.

Greenert said an update was needed because of changes in the strategic environment as well as new policy guidance, including the 2012 national defense strategy and the 2014 quadrennial defense review.

Since the last version of “A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower” was released in 2007, China’s naval capabilities have surged and disruptive technologies such as cyberattacks

have opened up new avenues of warfare. The Navy and the rest of the U.S. military also began an effort to execute a pivot to Asia while still dealing with crises in the Middle East and Europe.

On the fiscal front, massive budget cuts are slated to hit the Pentagon in the coming years if Congress doesn’t change the current law.

Growing military commitments and limited resources have stretched the Navy thin, Greenert said.

“There’s a limit to how quickly we can turn and deploy our ships faster and faster,” Greenert warned. “We’re about there,” and “to do more is going to be very difficult.”

Greenert said the need to leverage a “global network” of partner navies to achieve American aims will be a prominent theme in the revised strategy.

The service chief said that on

any given day, there are about 100 U.S. Navy ships deployed, whereas the rest of the world’s navies and coast guards combined have about 300 and about.

Greenert thinks there’s a lot of potential for greater cooperation on a variety of missions, such as counterpiracy and keeping the sea lines of communications open.

“Presence is the priority,” he emphasized. “The global network I think has to be tapped into, and we’ve got to bring as many coalitions to bear as possible. It’s cross-cutting. I think in all operations outside of ... defense of the homeland.”

He envisions a series of informal alliances in which partner nations, working within a relatively simple command structure, can “plug and play” with whatever capabilities they are able to provide.

However, the Navy’s top officer did not go into detail about how such cooperation could be achieved, and he noted that political constraints would limit how much other nations would be willing to contribute to international efforts.

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## MILITARY

## Navy retests show lower lead levels in some taps

By ERIK SLAVIN  
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Retests of water taps at Navy bases in Japan showed fewer elevated levels of lead than the initial tests that forced faucet shutdowns at schools and day care centers in August, officials said Wednesday.

Out of more than 300 water samples that tested initially higher than the Environmental Protection Agency's standard for immediate lead remediation this past summer, 63 tested higher than the EPA standard the second time around. Of those 63, only two remained elevated after running the tap for 30 seconds to clear the faucets of built-up deposits.

The retests included buildings at Yokosuka, Sasebo, Atsugi and satellite housing areas.

Further testing remains at the new Ikego Elementary School near Yokosuka, where 22 faucets, six water fountains and one

### Tips for avoiding lead absorption

Bill Kavanagh, an environmental engineer with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, recommended the following steps to prevent absorption of lead and other minerals from water supplies:

- Never use hot water out of the tap for drinking or cooking. Hot water can remove additional minerals from piping more aggressively than cold water, Kavanagh said. Always let tap water run until it gets cold.
- Take the screens off faucets and wash them free of minerals occasionally.
- Do not freeze water in disposable plastic bottles.
- Turn on a bathroom fan when showering, to mitigate potential effects of vaporized additives to the water supply.

water cooler exceeded EPA lead standards during the initial tests. Base officials are also waiting on lab results for some faucets at Sasebo.

In the majority of cases, the elevated lead levels were caused by faucets and water fountains not being used during the summer, said Bill Kavanagh, an environ-

mental engineer with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command.

"Lead is just one of many things that comes off the piping ... although lead is of major concern," Kavanagh said.

Exposure to elevated lead levels has been linked to stunted growth and lower intelligence in children, according to the EPA. In

adults, it has also been linked to brain and kidney damage, among other maladies.

Prior to the beginning of the school year, the Navy in Japan tested nearly 4,000 water sources for lead contamination. Water fixtures that tested above 20 parts of lead per billion were shut down before school started.

The Navy plans to replace the water fixtures that tested higher than that standard during initial testing, in order to be as safe as possible, Commander Naval Region Japan spokesman Cmdr. Ron Flanders said.

A federal law on lead reduction, which went into effect Jan. 4, lowers the maximum content of plumbing products with wet surfaces from 8 percent to a weighted average of 0.25 percent.

All of the new fixtures installed will adhere to the updated standard, Navy officials said Wednesday.

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## Philippines police charge US Marine in slaying case

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Philippine police filed a murder complaint Wednesday against a U.S. Marine, who has been accused of killing a transgender Filipino in an emotional case that is expected to test the country's relations with the United States.

Police Chief Inspector Gil Domingo said Marine Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton was the last person seen with the victim late Saturday, when they checked into a motel after meeting in a disco bar in Olongapo city northwest of Manila.

Jennifer Laude, whose former name was Jeffrey, was found with her head resting on the motel room's toilet bowl, apparently after being drowned, Domingo said. The criminal complaint was filed before government prosecutors, who would decide formal charges. There was no immediate comment from the U.S. Embassy.

Pemberton took part in combat exercises involving thousands of American and Filipino troops. He is being held on the USS Peleliu in the Subic Bay free port, about 50 miles northwest of Manila, according to U.S. military officials.

Dozens of activists burned a mock U.S. flag in a protest at the U.S. Embassy on Tuesday and



BULLIT MARQUEZ/AP

Protesters rally outside the Department of Foreign Affairs to demand justice for the killing of Filipino transgender Jeffrey "Jennifer" Laude with a U.S. Marine as a possible suspect on Wednesday.

tearfully demanded that Washington hand over Pemberton to Philippine authorities. They called for abolishing the Visiting Forces Agreement, which allows U.S. forces to join large-scale combat exercises with Filipino troops and which allows the U.S. to take custody of its soldiers who run afoul of Philippine laws.

The thorny murder case emerged while security ties are

blossoming between the United States and the Philippines. The longtime military allies signed a new accord in April that allows greater U.S. military access to Philippine military camps, and both countries have been vocal critics of China's expansive territorial claims in the South China Sea.

"This is another test case of how strong and important this

alliance is," political analyst Renato de Castro said.

The U.S. and Philippines disagreed over the custody of another Marine in a previous criminal case. The Marine was sentenced to life in prison on charges of raping a Filipino woman in 2005, but a Philippine appeals court overturned the conviction in 2009, allowing him to leave the country amid anti-U.S. protests.

## EUCOM to raise force protection

Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Force protection conditions will be raised Thursday across the U.S. European Command area of operation as part of a planned security rehearsal, EUCOM said in a news release.

The elevated posture is not in response to a specific threat, but is a result of force protection concerns throughout the EUCOM area of responsibility, the command said.

"EUCOM has taken this step based on our firm commitment to make every possible effort to ensure the safety and security of our personnel," EUCOM stated in its release. "In addition to this demonstration and validation of force protection measures, it is vital that every member of our European community remain vigilant and aware, and report suspicious activity to local officials."

Earlier this month, EUCOM also issued new guidance that encourages commands across Europe to examine their policies on wearing uniforms off base.

While EUCOM has not singled out any particular threats, the Islamic State group has called for "lone wolf" strikes in the West.

The increased force protection posture will last through Friday afternoon.

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## MILITARY

## Duckworth retiring from the military

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth is retiring from the Illinois National Guard after 23 years in the military and 10 years after she lost both legs in Iraq when the Black Hawk helicopter she was piloting was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade.

The National Guard announced the retirement on Tuesday and Duckworth's office confirmed that Duckworth — a lieutenant colonel — is leaving the military. Duckworth was commissioned with the Army Reserves in 1992 and joined



Tammy Duckworth

the Illinois Army National Guard in 1996.

Duckworth, 47, and her husband, Maj. Brian Bowlsbey, are expecting a baby.

The suburban Chicago Democrat is running for re-election against Republican Larry Kafesh on Nov. 4.

## Army seeking to staff cyber defense center

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Military officials say they're competing with private companies for workers to staff the Army Cyber Command, but are also looking to the private sector for workforce management guidance.

Lt. Gen. Edward Cardon told the Augusta Chronicle the technological defense center is expected to launch by 2019 at a National Security Agency facility at Fort Gordon.

Cardon says the military can't wait to recruit staff because some positions may take up to 18 months of training.

Cardon says military officials are looking to have staff for the cyber command assigned by 2016 and he's talked with representatives from Google, Microsoft and Amazon about how to manage workers who must keep up with rapid changes in technology.

Cardon says military officials hope to have cyber command staff assigned by next summer.

From The Associated Press

## Court ruling cuts likelihood of Lejeune toxic water suits

BY RENEE SCHOOF

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Marines and their family members who were poisoned by toxic water at Camp Lejeune apparently lost their chance to sue the government when a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that a North Carolina statute doesn't give them the time they needed to make their cases.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that North Carolina's 10-year limit on suits, called a statute of repose, did not allow exceptions for latent diseases.

The Supreme Court in June dealt the first blow to Camp Lejeune contamination victims when it ruled that a lawsuit by residents in Asheville, N.C., where an electronics manufacturing plant polluted well water, couldn't proceed because of the 10-year limit. The company that the residents sued hadn't owned the plant for 24 years.

The Obama administration then asked the appeals court to dismiss a lawsuit over contaminated groundwater at the Marine

Corps base in Jacksonville, N.C.

The appeals court found that a clarification passed unanimously by the state legislature and signed by Gov. Pat McCrory after the Supreme Court ruling could only apply to future claims.

It remanded the case back to a trial court, where a factual ruling could be made on the 10-year limit. But several people close to the case said it appeared that the victims had lost.

The time limit starts a 10-year clock running from the last culpable act of the defendant. In the case of the Camp Lejeune contamination, that would be 1985, when the last well was shut down. But in 1995 the contamination and its impact weren't yet known.

A federal law starts a two-year lawsuit clock only after people discover they have been harmed. But the appeals court noted that there already was a court ruling saying that the federal law didn't pre-empt the state law.

Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., said in a statement after the ruling Tuesday that the Obama administration was wrong to seek it.

"These men and women and their families have sacrificed on behalf of our nation, and it is unconscionable that the administration has tried to deny them justice after all they've been through," Hagan said.

She said she would work to try to advance a bill she introduced to ensure that federal law takes precedence over state statute "so victims have another option to seek justice."

Rep. G.K. Butterfield, D-N.C., introduced the measure in the House of Representatives.

The water at Camp Lejeune was contaminated for over three decades, starting in the 1950s.

Jerry Ensminger, a Marine veteran who fought for decades for victims of the contamination, said the federal government used a loophole in the law to dismiss the claims.

Ensminger's daughter, Janey, was conceived at the base and died in 1985 of a rare form of leukemia at age 9. He said he did not know then that the water had been contaminated.

He did not file a lawsuit.

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## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Inherent Resolve strikes help Kurds make gains

The Associated Press

**MURSTITTINAR,** Turkey — Bolstered by intensified U.S.-led coalition airstrikes targeting militants from the Islamic State group, Kurdish militiamen fought pitched street battles Wednesday with the extremists in a Syrian Kurdish border town near Turkey, making small advances, activists and officials said.

In Washington, the military announced a new name for the operation against the Islamic State — Inherent Resolve.

The Pentagon has named every U.S. military intervention since the Panama invasion of 1989, and critics had pointed to the absence of a moniker as an example of the unfocused nature of the conflict against the militants. Naming the operation also affects such issues as cost breakdowns in the military budget and the awarding of medals for those who serve in the mission.

Elsewhere in Syria, in a stark reminder of the country's wider civil war, a Syrian lawmaker was gunned down in the central province of Hama — the latest assassi-

sination to target a figure linked to President Bashar Assad's government.

In the border town of Kobani, members of the Kurdish People's Protection Units, or YPG, were advancing hours after the U.S.-led coalition stepped up airstrikes against the Islamic State group in and around the town, said Asya Abdullah, a Syrian Kurdish leader.

The U.S. Central Command said Wednesday that U.S. bombers and fighter aircraft launched 18 airstrikes against Islamic State targets near Kobani overnight Tuesday, destroying multiple fighting positions and buildings used by Islamic State fighters. The latest attacks brought the number of coalition airstrikes in the Kobani area since Monday night to nearly 40.

Abdullah, the co-president of Syria's powerful Kurdish Democratic Union Party, or PYD, told The Associated Press that Kurdish fighters have advanced near the hill of Tel Shair that overlooks part of the town, taking advantage of the air raids that slowed

the push by the militants. Abdullah spoke by phone from Kobani.

In mid-September, the Islamic State group launched its offensive on Kobani — also known under its Arabic name of Ayn Arab — and captured dozens of nearby Kurdish villages, as well as about a third of the town. The fighting in and around Kobani has killed more than 500 people and forced more than 200,000 people to flee across the border into Turkey.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which has a network of activists around the country, said Wednesday's clashes were taking place in the eastern neighborhoods of Kobani as well as the southern edge of the town.

The Observatory also reported several airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition in the town Wednesday and plumes of smoke rising from the strikes were visible across the border in Turkey.

In Syria's restive central province of Hama, gunmen opened fire late Tuesday at lawmaker Waris al-Younes' car as he was traveling on a road linking the



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People gather on a hilltop on the outskirts of Suruc, at the Turkey-Syria border, to watch fighting between Syrian Kurds and the Islamic State group in Kobani, Syria, over the border, on Wednesday.

city of Hama with the town of Salamiyeh, according to the state-run SANA news agency.

A Syrian official, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations, told The Associated Press that al-Younes died Tuesday night.

Also Wednesday, Syria's Foreign Ministry dismissed Turkey's calls for a no-fly zone on the

Syrian territories as a "flagrant violation" of the U.N. charter and international law.

Turkey has said it won't join the fight against the Islamic State extremists in Syria unless the U.S.-led coalition also goes after Assad's government, including establishing a no-fly zone and a buffer zone along the Turkish border.

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Above: Turkish Lt. Gen. Erdal Ozturk, second from left, and other foreign defense ministers listen Tuesday as President Barack Obama, in photo at left, speaks during a meeting of more than 20 defense ministers on the ongoing operations against the Islamic State group, at Joint Base Andrews, Md.

## Serious disagreements remain in coalition

BY CRAIG WHITLOCK  
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The Washington Post

Two months after the start of its campaign against the Islamic State, the U.S.-led coalition conducting operations in Iraq and Syria has expanded significantly but remains beset by lingering strategic differences that threaten to undermine the fight.

The Obama administration has emphasized the breadth of the coalition it has assembled to combat the militant group, including the participation of five Arab countries that have played a supporting role in the campaign of airstrikes in Syria. But serious disagreements remain, particularly over the coalition's plan for Syria and whether the fight against Islamic State militants there will strengthen or weaken Syrian ruler Bashar Assad in the long run.

Military chiefs from the United States and 21 other countries convened Tuesday for an unusual session at Joint Base Andrews, Md., to discuss the campaign. The day-long event, hosted by Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, included an appearance by President Barack Obama — part of an effort by his

administration to dispel doubts about Washington's long-term commitment to the region.

In his remarks to a room filled with military brass from around the world, Obama cited some preliminary "important successes" against the Islamic State group but warned that "this is going to be a long-term campaign" with "periods of progress and setbacks."

Sixty countries are now participating to some degree in the U.S.-led coalition against Islamic State forces in Iraq and Syria, according to the Obama administration. A number of administration officials have used the Bush-era term "coalition of the willing" while emphasizing that members may differ widely on what they are willing to contribute.

The question is whether such a diverse coalition, whose members have differing objectives, can be herded into agreement on a coherent strategy.

Turkey, which joined in the talks Tuesday but unlike most countries did not send its highest-ranking general, has so far balked at joining in the fight in Syria or allowing the U.S. military to use its nearby bases for airstrikes.

France and Turkey, in turn, have pushed to establish a no-fly

and buffer zone to protect refugees in northern Syria, an idea opposed by the United States, Germany and others. No country in the coalition is eager to send ground troops to Iraq or Syria, despite a shortage of reliable proxy forces in either country to fight the Islamic State head-to-head.

Shadi Hamid, a Middle East scholar with the Brookings Institution in Washington, called Tuesday's military summit "a positive step" in terms of coordinating tactical operations against the Islamic State. But he said it was unlikely to resolve deeper divisions, especially regarding desired outcomes for Syria's long-running civil war.

"The coalition partners have very different conceptions about the regional order and don't even agree on what the primary threat is," he said. "You have all these different actors who want different things and in some cases also strongly dislike each other."

Richard Fontaine, president of the Center for a New American Security, a think tank in Washington, said the Obama administration has successfully built the coalition based on the singular goal of defeating the Islamic State. But he said unity is likely to fray

once other questions arise, such as whether to extend the fight to the Syrian government or other jihadist groups in the region.

Combating the Islamic State is "the unifying mission that all these coalition partners agree on," he said. "Where it gets tricky is when you have to make other decisions."

There have been mixed results on the battlefield since the U.S. military began airstrikes in Iraq on Aug. 8 and extended its air campaign to Syria on Sept. 22, with the Islamic State losing control of territory in some places while making gains in others.

In Iraq, U.S. warplanes and Kurdish troops on the ground have pushed back Islamic State fighters from the Sinjar mountain range, from the Mosul Dam — which controls much of the country's water supplies — and away from the northern cities of Irbil, Kirkuk and Amerli. But Islamic State forces have surged across Anbar province in western Iraq and over the weekend closed within several miles of the strategically vital Baghdad international airport, where hundreds of U.S. troops are stationed.

Army Col. Steve Warren, a Pentagon spokesman, said it was

too soon to assess the effectiveness of the air campaign and the broader strategy, which U.S. officials have said will probably take years to unfold. "It's simply too premature," he said.

"It is a tough fight in Anbar, there's no question about it," Warren added. "There will be ebbs and flows across the battlefield for months."

In Syria, the U.S. military and allied warplanes from Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates at first concentrated their airstrikes on Islamic State supply lines, small oil refineries and command centers. In recent days, however, the coalition has been forced to shift its air operations to Kobani near the Turkish border, where Islamic State fighters have encircled the city and threatened to massacre civilians. Since playing down the strategic importance of Kobani last week amid criticism that it was slow to intervene, the Pentagon and Arab countries have escalated their attacks there.

On Tuesday, French President Francois Hollande said that "all countries concerned" should be providing weapons to Kobani defenders. "Turkey must absolutely open its border," Hollande said.

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## MILITARY

# Levin: Waning support threatens Afghan gains

By Travis J. Tritten  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Sen. Carl Levin is taking his retirement lap here, and his outgoing message is a dire warning about the U.S. war effort, but not the one in Iraq.

The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said Wednesday that public disillusionment and disengagement with Afghanistan threatens the fragile progress taking root amid the United States' longest war.

As Americans sour on the war, Congress might be pressed to pull back Afghanistan support just as a fledgling unity government offers glimmers of stability and peace, Levin said during a speech to the U.S. Institute of Peace as he prepares to retire at the end of the year.

It is a warning he has repeated

in recent weeks as the country turns its attention to Iraq and the fight against the Islamic State, and as the Obama administration is set to begin a multiyear military withdrawal from Afghanistan.

"If the public continues to believe that Afghanistan is a lost cause, it may become a self-fulfilling prophecy," said Levin, D-Mich., who built a reputation during decades on Capitol Hill as a thoughtful foreign policy legislator who balanced a committee that includes heavyweight Republican hawks John McCain and Lindsey Graham.

Many Americans appear weary of the drawn-out war, which has included brutal and bloody combat by U.S. forces and few decisive military victories. There is little evidence that the 13 years of fighting has significantly weakened the Taliban, which still stage-

**'If the public continues to believe that Afghanistan is a lost cause, it may become a self-fulfilling prophecy.'**

Sen. Carl Levin  
D-Mich.

es attacks across the country.

Earlier this year, a Gallup poll found that the public is split on whether the original invasion was a mistake, and an NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll from June found 65 percent of respondents said the war was not worth it.

Levin, who first joined the Senate in 1978, said pessimism over the war has surged due to a "constant almost totally negative portrayal of events in the press."

But he said reasons for hope exist on the ground, including a power-sharing agreement brokered last month among the two presidential candidates, Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah, following an election dispute.

"That transition offers increased reason for optimism that we have an essential ingredient for success in place there, perhaps the essential ingredient — a unity government of Afghans whose own goals are in harmony

with our goal of a free, peaceful and unified Afghanistan with strong security forces and honest governance," Levin said.

Also, overall life expectancy in Afghanistan has increased by 22 years, infant mortality rates have declined, and the number of children in school has increased from thousands to millions.

The fragile transition period following its national election will require years of support from the United States — and Congress — to realize its promise and cement some stability for the country, he said.

That could be difficult if the American public believes the effort is a waste.

"While Afghanistan gains, they remain impressive," he said, "but the American public's faith in them is wavering."

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# New medal to honor nuclear deterrence service

By Jon Harper  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Current and former airmen could be eligible for the new Nuclear Deterrence Service Operations Medal.

Servicemembers may receive the award if they were assigned, deployed or mobilized to a wing, center or smaller unit in support of the nuclear enterprise for 120 consecutive days or 179 nonconsecutive days, according to an Air Force press release.

The medal will be worn with an N device for airmen deployed to a missile complex for 179 nonconsecutive days in direct support of intercontinental ballistic missile operations. The same holds true for personnel directly supporting operations of nuclear-armed aircraft. Only one N device may be worn, but an oak leaf cluster can be worn for subsequent awards, the Air Force said.



Award nominations for current servicemembers will be processed through their chain of command, and their group commander will be the awarding authority.

Eligibility for the medal is retro-

active to Dec. 27, 1991, which means that former airmen who served decades ago may also receive it. Those who have left the service and meet the criteria for the award can request the medal through the Air Force Personnel Center's recognition section for validation. Family members of deceased airmen can also contact AFPC for information about how their loved one might be awarded the medal posthumously.

The medal, which has been designed, is projected to become available in March 2015.

The new award, first announced in May, was created after an internal review determined that many airmen involved in the nuclear enterprise felt ignored and underappreciated in the post-Cold War era in which nuclear combat is considered a remote possibility. The review was prompted by a scandal in which nearly a hun-

dred officers were implicated in a cheating ring surrounding nuclear launch tests.

"This service medal provides a clearly visible way to recognize the dedication and professionalism of our airmen who are the guardians of our nation's nuclear deterrence. Because of our success, oftentimes nuclear deterrence — operations can be overlooked as a critical function," missile operations career field manager Col. Zannis Pappas said in the release.

The service is taking other steps

to boost morale. Last month, Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James announced that officers manning the nation's launch control centers will receive an additional \$300 per month in bonus pay, effective Oct. 1. Airmen in certain enlisted fields throughout the nuclear enterprise will also receive up to \$300 in monthly special duty assignment pay.

"There's no question in my mind that our nuclear mission is first and foremost," James said.

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# WMD: At least 17 American troops exposed

FROM FRONT PAGE

but said the information is classified and refused to release it.

According to the report, many of the troops exposed to the chemical agents received inadequate medical care, some being returned to duty days after exposure.

The military also denied some

the Purple Heart, despite lasting effects from their injuries.

Asked by a Stars and Stripes reporter whether the Department of Defense is investigating reports of inadequate medical care, a Pentagon spokesman deferred comment to the Army.

An Army spokesman did not immediately return a message

asking for comment.

In the Times article, top Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby declined to address the incidents, medical care and denial of medals.

He said the military is reviewing its health care system and award practices.

# Yemeni sues Germany over US drone strikes

BERLIN — A Yemeni man is suing the German government for allegedly letting the United States use an air base in Germany for lethal drone strikes.

Faisal bin Ali Jaber claims his brother-in-law, Salim bin Ahmed

Ali Jaber, and nephew, Waleed, were killed in a U.S. drone strike in August 2012.

Human rights group Reprieve, which along with the European Center for Constitutional Human Rights represents bin Ali Jaber, alleges the drone was controlled via the U.S. air base at Ramstein in southwestern Germany.

Reprieve's legal director, Kat Craig, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that there was sufficient evidence to prove Ramstein's role in the transmission of flight control data from pilots in the United States to drones in the Middle East.

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## EBOLA OUTBREAK

## 2nd health worker tests positive for Ebola

Hospital employee  
flew day before  
being diagnosed

BY EMILY SCHMALL  
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The Associated Press

DALLAS — Fears of the Ebola virus deepened Wednesday with word that a second Dallas nurse caught the disease from a patient and flew across the Midwest aboard an airliner the day before she was diagnosed. President Barack Obama canceled a campaign trip to address the outbreak.

It's not clear how the nurse contracted the virus, though the second case among health workers pointed to lapses beyond how one individual may have donned and removed protective garb.

Authorities declined to say what type of care the nurse provided to Thomas Eric Duncan, who was diagnosed with Ebola after coming to the U.S. from Liberia. He died Oct. 8.

Infected Ebola patients are not considered contagious until they have symptoms. The airplane crew said the woman had no symptoms during Frontier Airlines Flight 1143 from Cleveland to Dallas-Fort Worth on Monday. She flew from Dallas to Cleveland on Oct. 10.

The CDC said it is alerting the 132 passengers who were on the return flight "because of the proximity in time between the evening flight and first report of illness the following morning." Officials are asking them to call the health agency so they can be monitored.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the additional infection is "a serious concern."

"What happened there (in Dallas), regardless of the reason, is not acceptable. It shouldn't have happened," Anthony Fauci, director of the Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of NIH, said Wednesday on MSNBC.

The nurse was monitoring herself for symptoms, Dallas County



Above: Nursing student Mathew Jacob has help removing a gown during a refresher course on personal protective procedures at the Brookhaven College School of Nursing in Farmers Branch, Texas, on Tuesday.



Left: Members of Dallas Fire-Rescue hazardous materials unit tape off the apartment of a second health care worker who tested positive for Ebola, in Dallas, on Wednesday.

AP photos

be managed," he said Tuesday.

The second case may help health officials determine where the infection-control breach is occurring and make practices safer for health workers everywhere. For example, if both health workers were involved in drawing Duncan's blood, placing an intravenous line or suctioning mucus when Duncan was on

a breathing machine, that would be recognized as a particularly high-risk activity. It might also reveal which body fluids pose the greatest risk.

Emergency responders in hazardous-materials suits began decontamination work before dawn Wednesday at the Dallas apartment complex where the second nurse lives. Officials said she lives alone with no pets.

Notices handed out to neighbors advise that "a health care worker who lives in your area has tested positive for Ebola."

Frieden outlined new steps this week designed to stop the spread of the disease, including the creation of an Ebola response team, increased training for health care workers nationwide and changes at the Texas hospital to minimize the risk of more infections.

The new case lends support to nurses' claims this week that they have inadequate training and in some cases, protective gear, to take care of Ebola patients.

"They're not prepared" for what they are being asked to do, said RoseAnn DeMoro, executive director of National Nurses United, a union with 185,000 members.

Based on statements from nurses it did not identify, the union described how Duncan was left in an open area of the emergency room for hours. It said staff treated Duncan for days without the correct protective gear, that hazardous waste was allowed to pile up to the ceiling and safety protocols constantly changed.

DeMoro refused to say how many nurses made the statement about Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, but insisted they were in a position to know what happened.

Officials say at least 76 people at the hospital might have been exposed, and all are being monitored for fever and other symptoms.

Judge Clay Jenkins said. She reported a fever Tuesday and was in isolation within 90 minutes, Jenkins said.

"We are looking at every element of our personal protection equipment and infection control in the hospital," said Dr. Daniel Varga, chief clinical officer for Texas Health Resources, which operates Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas.

Dr. Tom Frieden, head of the CDC, has acknowledged that the government was not aggressive enough in managing Ebola and containing the virus as it spread from an infected patient to a nurse at a Dallas hospital.

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# EBOLA OUTBREAK

## Soldier with Ebola in Sierra Leone is not a peacekeeper

The Associated Press

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — A Sierra Leone soldier has tested positive for Ebola but he is not a member of, and had no contact with, a battalion of peacekeepers waiting to deploy to Somalia, a government spokesman said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Liberia's transport minister said she was voluntarily isolating herself inside her home after her driver died of Ebola.

The two situations underscore the precautions being taken to minimize the spread of the deadly disease, and the risks inherent in the movement of people.

In another example of the disease's relentless march, Doctors Without Borders said Tuesday that 16 of its staff members have been infected with Ebola and that

nine have died. The toll highlights the high risk of caring for Ebola patients even at well-equipped and properly staffed treatment centers.

Angela Bush, Liberia's transport minister, said her last contact with her driver, who died over the weekend of the disease, was on Oct. 3. She did not know he was sick with Ebola until after his death, she said. She is not showing any symptoms of the disease, but Liberia's government has asked people to keep themselves isolated for 21 days if they think they have been exposed.

The country's chief medical officer put herself under quarantine about two weeks ago, after her office assistant died of Ebola.

Fear of Ebola's spread has already slowed the deployment



ABAS DULLE/AP

Head of USAID Rajiv Shah, center, inspects a new Ebola treatment facility in Monrovia, Liberia, on Tuesday.

of a battalion of Sierra Leone troops, who were supposed to relieve soldiers serving with an African Union mission to protect the Somali government and fight al-Shabab militants. The replacement's deployment was put on hold this summer when the Ebola outbreak in West Africa spiraled out of control.

Earlier this month, Osman Keh Kamara, Sierra Leone's ambassador to Ethiopia, where the AU has its headquarters, pleaded for the new battalion to be allowed to rotate in and relieve their compa-

nions, saying the troops in Sierra Leone had been held in isolation for four months and screened for Ebola.

In recent days, the African Union agreed to that request, an official with the military mission said Tuesday. He insisted on anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the press.

It was unclear if the announcement of the Ebola case would throw the deployment into doubt again. A Sierra Leone government spokesman stressed that the two are unrelated.

The soldier became ill while working at a military facility in Bengwema, and has been admitted to a military hospital, according to Abdul Bayratay, a spokesman with Sierra Leone's Ministry of Information. Meanwhile, the Somali-bound troops were being held in isolation at a separate facility in Hastings. The two towns, both near the capital Freetown, are about 13 miles from one another.

"This one case has no contact absolutely with the 850 troops on standby," Bayratay said.

## Ready: No plans for military personnel to come in contact with patients, but precautions in place

FROM FRONT PAGE

Defense leaders have repeatedly promised that thousands of troops headed to Liberia in coming weeks to fight the outbreak won't be in contact with Ebola patients.

On Wednesday, Maj. Gen. Darryl Williams, commander of the mission, said that as a result, most troops faced "very low to no risk" from infection. Troops are kept separate from infected people, avoid direct contact with any locals and pay assiduous attention to hygiene, he told Army officials and reporters via Skype from Monrovia, Liberia.

More than 500 troops are now in Liberia, Williams said, providing engineering and construction assistance to build treatment units around that country. A handful are working in five mobile blood testing labs that he said are helping to quickly determine which Liberians need to be isolated and which local people can return to their normal lives. Four more labs will soon be set up, he said.

A defense official said the new guidance covers expected operations and unplanned contingencies.

"This subject is so important that we issued the guidance be-

cause we want to make sure everyone is looking at this from the same sight picture," said the official, who is unauthorized to speak publicly about the guidance.

A researcher who works directly with the Ebola virus, David Sanders, an associate professor of biology at Purdue University, said the military must err on the side of caution when training troops, just as he does when training his lab assistants.

Transmission of Ebola is fairly well understood, Sanders said, but recent infections of health care workers in the United States show how difficult it can be to correctly follow safety procedures.

Dr. Tom Frieden, head of the Centers for Disease Control, acknowledged Tuesday that the government was not aggressive enough in managing Ebola and containing the virus as it spread from an infected patient to a nurse at a Dallas hospital.

"I would urge both the authorities and every individual soldier to demand rigorous training with the protective equipment," Sanders said.

Officials from the Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md., have been training troops in the use of protective equipment.

Although the military may plan for no contact with patients, conditions in disease outbreak zones can be unpredictable, making military contact with infected people a possibility, Sanders said. And as the outbreak proceeds, the military might need to change its plans for how military troops will be used.

"It's easy to train for the expected," he said. "You also have to train for the unexpected."

The guidance lays out four levels of predeployment training. The lowest, Level 1, includes basic information about the disease and how to avoid it, information about symptoms, and procedures for correctly donning and removing personal protective equipment — the suits designed to stop the virus.

Level 2 adds training in nonlethal force protection methods and training in exercising judgment about when personal protective equipment is necessary.

Level 3 training is primarily for medical personnel and those who might have to come in contact with bodies or infected individuals — whether U.S. or local population.

Level 4 is the highly specialized training that laboratory technicians working with the virus must have.

During deployment, all DOD personnel will have their temperatures monitored twice daily for signs of illness. Those who have symptoms but don't report any potential Ebola exposure will be evaluated by medical authorities, the memo says.

Those who might have been exposed, even if they haven't reported any symptoms, will be evacuated and quarantined for observation if the exposure is dangerous enough — such as contact with bodily fluids of someone with the Ebola virus. Those exposed to lesser risk will be observed and still might be evacuated, the policy states.

Within 10 days of scheduled departure from the Ebola zone, commanders who believe their units had a risk of exposure to the virus can elect to hold them in a "controlled environment" for observation for symptoms. Within 12 hours of departure, DOD health care workers will interview and evaluate personnel to determine risk as well, according to the policy.

Those who return with no known exposure risk can return home and go to work, but must be monitored for symptoms with twice daily checks for 21 days.

Those who were found to be at risk for exposure, however, are to be quarantined for 21 days to monitor for signs of Ebola infection, according to the memo.

Many of the details of how the policy will be carried out, including where troops could be held for observation and where they may be treated, haven't been announced. Commanders on the ground are responsible for implementation, the defense official said.

"How you implement and execute the policy is left to AF-RICOM and commanders on the ground," he said.

So far, Williams said, none of his troops other than lab technicians has experienced conditions that forced them to don their personal protective equipment. But U.S. troops are strictly following the safety protocols they've been given, he said.

"This is about discipline and chain of command and that's what we do — that's what soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Coasties do," he said. "As long as the protocols are in place... we feel very comfortable operating in these environments."

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## NATION

# Supreme Court bars Texas abortion clinic regs

## 13 clinics that didn't meet standards of ambulatory surgical centers can reopen

By CHUCK LINDELL

Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN, Texas — The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday barred Texas from enforcing an abortion regulation that had left only seven clinics operating in the state.

The late-evening ruling means recently closed abortion clinics can reopen, at least temporarily, as a divided Supreme Court blocked Texas from requiring abortion facilities to meet the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers.

The on-again, off-again regulation was a key part of House Bill 2, passed in 2013 after two contentious special legislative sessions that featured all-night protests and a filibuster by Democratic Sen. Wendy Davis, that launched her gubernatorial campaign against Republican Greg Abbott, the attorney general who is defending HB 2 in court.

"The U.S. Supreme Court gave Texas women a tremendous victory today," said Nancy Northup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights. "Tomorrow, 13 clinics across the state will be allowed to reopen and provide women with safe and legal abortion care in their own communities."

Previously, however, abortion providers have testified that staff and reopening clinics can be difficult, and it was unclear late Tuesday how many — and how rapidly — closed facilities would be returned to operation.

The surgical-center requirement, set to take effect Sept. 1, was ruled unconstitutional on Aug. 29 by U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakey, who said the regulation was designed to limit access to abortion by shutting down clinics, not to improve women's health as legislators backing it had argued.

If allowed to be enforced, Yeakey said,

the rule would leave no abortion clinics operating in the state south and west of San Antonio — resulting in 1.3 million reproductive-age women living more than 100 miles from an abortion provider, with about 750,000 women more than 200 miles from one.

Abbott filed a two-step appeal to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals seeking to overturn Yeakey's ruling and to allow Texas to enforce the regulation while the appeal continues.

On Oct. 2, the appeals court agreed to let Texas enforce the regulation, forcing all clinics to close except for seven that were already licensed as ambulatory surgical centers in Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston. An eighth surgical center is under construction in San Antonio.

The appeals court still must rule on the constitutionality of the surgical center

regulation.

On Tuesday, responding to an emergency motion from abortion providers, the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated Yeakey's injunction banning Texas from enforcing the regulation.

Abortion opponents were disappointed in the ruling but expressed confidence that the 5th Circuit would eventually uphold the surgical-center regulation.

When the 5th Circuit issued its 2-1 ruling allowing Texas to enforce the regulation, the majority noted that Texas was likely to succeed in its defense of HB 2, said Emily Horne, legislative associate for Texas Right to Life.

"We are obviously stunned by the decision," Horne said of Tuesday's action. "But the Supreme Court didn't address any of the (law's) merits, and the 5th Circuit did, so that gives us a lot of hope."

## Ex-con says he killed mom 2 days after prison release

The Associated Press

MAYS LANDING, N.J. — A convicted murderer who police say killed his mother two days after being released from prison told a judge that he's guilty and doesn't want a trial.

Steven Pratt, 45, told a judge through tears on Tuesday that he doesn't have a lawyer, before he was taken back to jail on \$1 million bail.

Judge Michael A. Donio told Pratt not to speak without an attorney, but he spoke anyway.

"I don't want a trial," he said. "I'm guilty."

Gwendolyn Pratt was found dead Sunday at a home in Atlantic City. Atlantic County prosecutor Jim McClain says that an autopsy determined she died from massive blunt injuries to the head.

Pratt was 15 when he shot and killed his next-door neighbor, Michael Anderson, in an Atlantic City apartment building in 1984.

He was tried as an adult and convicted of first-degree murder in 1986. He received a 30-year-prison sentence and was freed on Friday.

According to court records, Pratt and Anderson argued after Pratt and some of his friends refused to

leave an apartment hallway where they were noisily hanging out. Pratt came back to Anderson's apartment with a lead pipe, but Anderson took the pipe away from Pratt and bloodied his face, according to the newspaper.

Pratt then returned with a borrowed handgun and shot Anderson in the face and shoulder. Anderson, who Pratt said acted like a father to him, died days after the shooting.



Pratt



JEFF DALE, THE (NOWALK, CONN.) /AP

## Tour bus rampage

Police officers investigate the scene of a stabbing aboard a tour bus late Tuesday in Norwalk, Conn., in which two people were injured. An unidentified man who began attacking passengers around 10 p.m. on the casino-bound tour bus on Interstate 95 was fatally shot by state police, officials said Wednesday. The driver of the Dahlia bus traveling from New York to Mohegan Sun casino flagged down a trooper at a construction site for help. Officials said the trooper and the man got into a fight, and the trooper was forced to shoot the suspect. The trooper wasn't hurt.

## Record number of black candidates seeking office in November

By JESSE J. HOLLAND

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 100 black candidates will be on the ballot in statewide and congressional races next month, a post-Reconstruction record that some observers say is a byproduct of President Barack Obama's historic presidency.

At least 83 black Republicans and Democrats are running for the U.S. House, an all-time high for the modern era, according to political scientist David Bositis, who has tracked black politicians for years. They include Mia Love

in Utah, who is trying to become the first black Republican woman to be elected to Congress.

Four other black women — Bonnie Watson Coleman in New Jersey, Brenda Lawrence in Michigan, Alma Adams in North Carolina and Stacey Plaskett in the Virgin Islands — are expected to win seats as Democrats, Bositis said. If they all win, and no black female incumbents lose, there should be 20 black women among House members, an all-time high, Bositis said.

There are at least 25 African-Americans running for statewide

offices, including U.S. senator, governor or lieutenant governor, also a record number.

The previous record for black candidates seeking House seats was 72 in 2012, the year Obama, the nation's first black president, was re-elected to a second term. The previous record for statewide contests was 17 in 2002, said Bositis, formerly of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a think tank in Washington that focuses primarily on issues affecting African-Americans.

Those statewide numbers include Democrat Cory Booker of

New Jersey and Republican Tim Scott of South Carolina, the U.S. Senate's only black members.

Booker is seeking a full term next month, having won a special election last year to replace the deceased Sen. Frank Lautenberg. Scott, appointed last year, is seeking to finish out the two years remaining in the term of former Sen. Jim DeMint, who resigned from the Senate in 2013.

An Obama "coattails effect" is partly responsible for this large candidate pool because it spurred blacks to vote, and encouraged them to pursue offices they might not have sought in the past, said

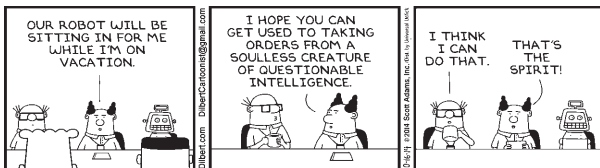
political science professor Frederick C. Harris, director of Columbia University's Center on African-American Politics and Society. America's blacks voted at a higher rate than other minority groups in 2012 and by most measures surpassed the white turnout for the first time, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"It may be that this is a reflection of political opportunity," Harris said. He noted a similar increase in black candidacies in 1988, when Jesse Jackson made a second, unsuccessful run for the Democratic presidential nomination.

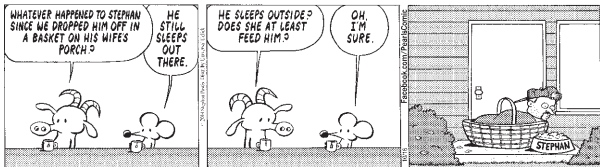
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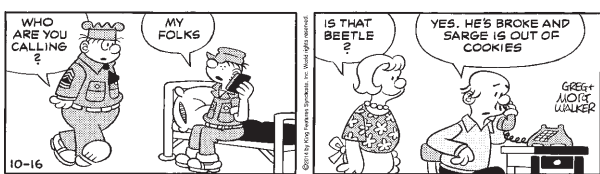
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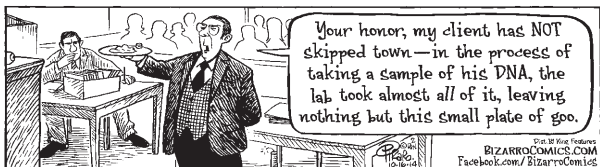
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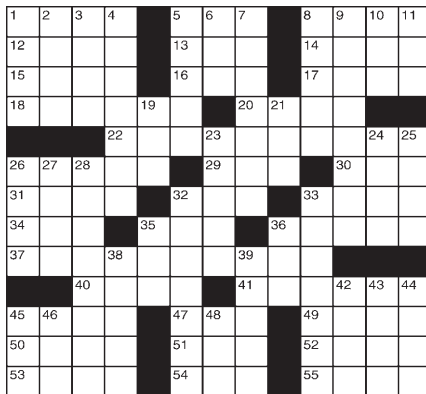
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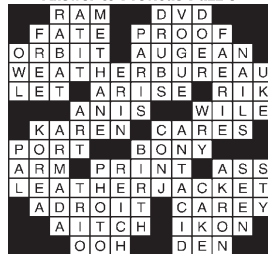
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- 22 Julie Chen's

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- 55 Tranquil disci-pline
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- 26 Hearty entree
- 27 Quaker pronoun
- 28 Decoration
- 32 Bart Simpson's school principal
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- 35 Portion of N.A.
- 36 Command to Fido
- 38 Excited, with "up"
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals P



## NATION



MEL MELCON, LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

From left, Marsha Hierbaum, president of the Bel-Air Crest Home Owners Association; Harris Sperling, chairman of the Bel-Air Crest Emergency Preparedness Committee; Rick Cole, operations manager for the Bel Air Crest and Incident Commander for the committee; and Chuck Maginnis, board member of the home owners association and Safety Chairman for the committee stand inside a shed containing supplies that would be used in case of a catastrophic earthquake.

## Notable difference in disaster preparedness between the haves and have-nots in LA

By MATT STEVENS  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Tucked beneath green tennis courts in a hidden corner of Bel Air Crest, a 10-by-20-foot shed holds enough emergency equipment to stock a small hardware store — a 13,000-watt tri-fuel generator, a satellite phone and neatly organized boxes of medical supplies.

And then there's the eight portable toilets with pop-up privacy tents.

"You can't have 1,500 people not able to go to the bathroom," said Marsha Hierbaum, president of the Bel Air Crest Homeowners Association.

The shed is one piece of a years-long effort to ensure that all residents of the gated community are ready when the "Big One" hits. In a city populated by people expecting — but many ill-prepared to handle — a major earthquake, it is the affluent and organized hillside neighborhoods that have taken emergency preparedness to the extreme. Although Bel Air Crest has fewer than 300 homes, the homeowners association has spent about \$50,000 on emergency supplies and equipment over the past three years, including the purchase of a 2,000-gallon water truck.

A core group of about a dozen nearby Bel Air Ridge residents has met monthly for more than 20 years to discuss emergency response.

And leaders in Beverly Glen recently installed a repeater in a resident's backyard to help ensure that their hand-held radio system will work up and down the neighborhood's canyons.

First responders "won't get to us," Bel Air Crest Operations Manager Rick Cole said. "My board of directors was wise enough to set aside some money each year, and we

slowly built up this inventory of supplies that we would be self-reliant."

The Los Angeles Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team, CERT, program advises locals to store enough food and water to last at least three days after a disaster. Depending on the scale and location of the damage, fire officials say, the wait for help could be longer.

"We're going to try just as hard to get to Bel Air as we would any neighborhood," said Peter Sanders, a fire department spokesman. But "the topography all across the Santa Monica Mountains ... sometimes provides challenges."

Over the last decade, CERT training classes have become so popular that groups must sometimes wait three months or longer to get in, said veteran firefighter Jarvis "Bubba" Willis, who teaches them. As many as 3,000 people take the training each year.

A report recently released by the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region concluded "some communities are more likely to weather the aftermath of a major incident better than others, in large part because of socioeconomic and demographic factors." The report identified 10 communities likely to have the greatest "social vulnerability" in the event of a disaster; low-income communities in Central and South L.A. filled the list.

"Anybody can sit in a classroom, but not everyone can afford to take the steps to build their kits or have the time to participate in map-your-neighborhood projects," said Jarrett Barrios, chief executive of the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region.

Bel Air Crest, neighborhood leaders acknowledge, does basically have it all. Fire officials say they are not aware of any area that has poured more resources into disaster preparedness.



Above, Bel Air Crest, a neighborhood in Bel Air, Calif. The community has amassed more than \$50,000 in supplies, below, for their emergency preparedness effort.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## \$627M in Gulf oil spill recovery projects OK'd

**MS** JACKSON—Officials approved plans this month to spend \$627 million on 44 projects meant to aid recovery from the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, but environmentalists are fuming that \$58 million will go to an Alabama beachfront hotel they say will hurt rather than help the Gulf.

BP PLC provided \$1 billion in 2011 as a coastal restoration down payment following the Deepwater Horizon spill. The money is meant to restore the environment or improve public access to the Gulf.

Trustees, including the five Gulf states and four federal agencies, had to reach consensus on the plan. Two earlier phases totaling \$71 million were already approved, and BP will likely have to pay more after environmental fines are levied.

The single biggest sum, \$318 million, will go to restore land and marsh on four barrier islands off Louisiana's rapidly eroding coast. There's also a \$65 million series of "living shorelines" projects in Alabama, Florida and Mississippi.

Environmentalists remain unhappy about Alabama's plans to spend \$85.5 million at its Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores.

## Couple drives Amish workers to jobs

**KY** CAVE CITY — Billy Minton often jokes with the Amish employees at Bi-Rite grocery in Cave City, with whom he's developed a good rapport since he began driving them to and from work about a year ago.

Minton retired as Cave City's police chief about two years ago, but found he was uninterested in staying at home and doing nothing. He then heard about the driving job through the grapevine.

Minton leaves his home in Horse Cave about 6:30 a.m. five days a week and picks up as many as seven employees who live in the Cub Run community of Hart County and brings them to the grocery.

Amish Bi-Rite owner Vernon Detweiler hired Minton and later Minton's wife, Yvonne, as drivers.

Although Detweiler and other members of his Amish community don't drive gas-powered vehicles, they do use cellphones, but only for business purposes.

## Pilot, distracted by bee, slides along runway

**MA** NEW BEDFORD — A pilot distracted by a bee in the cockpit forgot to lower his landing gear and did a "belly slide" down the runway at the New Bedford Regional Airport. Airport Commission Chairman Paul Barton told The Standard-Times that the single-engine plane slid 1,000 to 1,500 feet when it landed at about 1:30 p.m. Monday.

Although the plane sustained significant damage, the pilot, the only person on board, was not hurt. Barton said it does not ap-



## THE CENSUS

# 60

The amount of Concord grapes, in tons, that 1,232 people stomped to set a Guinness world record for most people grape stomping, Saturday in Jamestown, N.Y. The previous record was held by a town in northern Spain with 977 stompers.



JOHN GAINES, THE HAWK EYE/AP

## She's on a roll

Caylee Jensen, 9, laughs while riding on the Wacky Water Walkerz attraction in Keosauqua, Iowa, on Saturday. The attraction was part of the Villages of Van Buren Scuric Drive Festival.

pear as though the runway was damaged.

Fire Department District Chief David Cooper said the pilot was swatting at a bee in the cabin and somehow forgot to lower the landing gear.

## Judge weighs revoking mobster's parole

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — A prosecutor seeking to revoke the parole of former Philadelphia mob boss Joseph Merlino said the ex-con is still active in organized crime.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Troyer, a veteran mob prosecutor, declined to disclose details of Merlino's alleged contacts or criminal activity but said no new indictment was imminent.

"He's mental," the flashy Merlino — wearing sunglasses, slicked-back hair and a bright floral tie — quipped as he left the courthouse.

Merlino, nicknamed "Skinny Joey," was convicted of racketeering in 2001 and sentenced to 14 years in prison. He was released in 2011 after serving about 12 years and recently has been living in South Florida. His lawyer said he has been successfully working in an unspecified sales job since his release, and has an offer to work in a soon-to-open restaurant.

Merlino, 52, will remain free at least until U.S. District Judge R. Barclay Surrick decides the issue. He faces a year in prison or more.

## Judge upholds seizure of more than 130 dogs

**WV** RIPLEY — More than 130 dogs seized from a Jackson County woman's home will remain in the county's custody.

Media outlets reported that a Jackson County Circuit Court judge upheld the seizure earlier this month.

The dogs' owner, Shirley Rhodes, faces 45 animal cruelty counts. She declined to comment following her hearing.

County authorities had removed the dogs from Rhodes' home. The seizure was prompted by a video of conditions in the home posted on Facebook by a man who went there intending to buy a puppy. Police have said Rhodes was

operating a puppy mill. Many of the dogs were ill or injured.

County humane officer Sheila Chambers testified at the hearing that feces was throughout the home, the dogs' food was moldy and their fur was matted.

## Youth Corps cleaned up 250 tons of litter

**WA** OLYMPIA — The state Ecology Department said its Youth Corps crews picked up 250 tons of litter over the summer.

The department said crews cleaned up more than 3,000 miles of roadways and 17 illegal dumps in Washington.

From wire reports



## FACES

By SANDY COHEN  
The Associated Press

**D**on't call Alecia Moore Pink — at least for now.

The 35-year-old entertainer is just being herself in You+Me, her new acoustic project with Canadian singer-songwriter Dallas Green. The duo released its debut album Tuesday.

"This has nothing to do with Pink," Moore says, sitting by Green's side at Viceroy Hotel in Santa Monica, Calif. "Pink was my nickname as a kid but it's become this thing that I do. If you say the name Pink, you conjure up a woman hanging from a ceiling in a piece of cloth, screaming about her husband," she laughs. "This is just me and my friend Dallas. He doesn't call me Pink."

Moore and Green say they weren't even trying to create an album. They were just a couple of old friends having fun and making music.

"The fact that there were no expectations — I think that's what made it so freeing," she says. "I felt like it was 8 years old again. I just felt like I was doing it because I loved it."

The result is "rose ave.," a collection of nine original, guitar-based duets, along with

# Not Pink:

## Alecia Moore's new music is with You+Me



CASEY CURRY, INVISION/AP

The folk music duo You+Me, consists of Canadian singer-songwriter Dallas Green, left, and Alecia Moore, known as Pink. Moore says she is just being herself in You+Me, an acoustic project with Green. The duo released the album "rose ave." on Tuesday.

## Kesha, producer trade lawsuits over abuse claims

From wire reports

Kesha and her mentor and producer filed dueling lawsuits Tuesday over the pop singer's claims she was subjected to nearly a decade of sexual and emotional abuse.

Kesha's lawsuit filed in Los Angeles accuses hit-making producer Dr. Luke of raping her and subjecting her to other sexual and emotional abuse for nearly a decade. The abuse led the "Tik Tok" singer to develop a severe eating disorder that required her to enter rehab earlier this year, according to the lawsuit.

Dr. Luke, whose real name is Lukasz Sebastian Gottwald, filed a lawsuit against Kesha in New York calling the claims defamatory and saying his protégé is making them in an attempt to extort him into giving her a better recording deal.

Kesha's suit does not specify when the alleged rape occurred, but her attorney wrote that the singer didn't report the abuse to anyone out of fear of retaliation by Dr. Luke.

Her lawsuit seeks to invalidate recording agreements she signed with Dr. Luke and his recording

company when she turned 18. Kesha, whose real name is Kesha Rose Sebert, is a Nashville native who was lured to Los Angeles by Dr. Luke with promises of a music career, her suit states.

"As set forth in the complaint that we have filed on behalf of Dr. Luke, Kesha and her mother are engaged in a campaign of publishing outrageous and untrue statements about Dr. Luke to third parties, including scurrilous and false statements of purported physical and mental abuse of Kesha," Dr. Luke's attorney Christine Lopera wrote in a statement.

### Leno returning to series TV with CNBC car show

CNBC is returning Jay Leno to nightly television.

The new show, tentatively titled "Jay Leno's Garage" and based on his Emmy Award-winning Web series, will premiere in 2015, the network announced Wednesday.

CNBC didn't specify a debut date, or the frequency of the prime-time show's airing.

The show will be a forum for Leno to share his passion for "all things automotive," the network said, including the inner workings of the car collector's market. Leno said it will be about "anything that rolls, explodes and makes noise."

### Other news

■ Tom Petty, Vince Gill, Cyndi Lauper, Elvis Costello and Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds are among the performing songwriters being considered for the Songwriters Hall of Fame. The organization announced its 2015 nominees Wednesday. Other performers up for the honor are Gloria Estefan, Cat Stevens, Toby Keith, Steve Miller, Steve Winwood, Ann Wilson and Nancy Wilson of Heart and Harry Wayne "K.C." Casey of KC and the Sunshine Band. Winners will be inducted next June.

■ A publicist for Jack White says the rocker is canceling his remaining tour dates in Mexico after the death of his band's keyboard player Isaiah "Ikey" Owens. The statement said Owens, 33, died Tuesday in Mexico.

■ Australian literature-lovers cheered Wednesday after Richard Flanagan won the prestigious Booker Prize with a visceral story of wartime brutality and its aftermath — a novel the head of the judging team said was as powerful as a kick in the stomach. Flanagan drew on his father's experiences as a World War II prisoner of the Japanese for "The Narrow Road to the Deep North," which centers on the Burma Death Railway, built with forced labor at the cost of tens of thousands of lives.



MATT ROURKE/AP

Boyz II Men perform at The Philadelphia High School for the Creative & Performing Arts on Tuesday.

### Boyz II Men return to Philly school for show

The Associated Press

Members of the Grammy-winning group Boyz II Men returned to their roots Tuesday with a concert at their old stomping grounds — a performing arts high school they remember being just like the TV show "Fame."

"You had girls, you know, walking around in their leotards, pie-ing all over the hallways ..." Shawn Stockman said.

"Dudes sitting on the stairs drawing ..." Wanya Morris added.

"It was a school you never wanted to be absent, you never

wanted to be late," Nathan Morris said.

The R&B group met more than two decades ago at The Philadelphia High School for the Creative & Performing Arts, where Tuesday they held a private show for about 300 students and Sirius XM subscribers. SiriusXM plans to broadcast the show on Oct. 21, the day the band's album "Cold-ide" comes out.

The trio performed in an auditorium with dozens of students on stage, who cheered and clapped along to their opening song, the '90s megahit "Motownphilly."



## WORLD



KEN CHEUNG/AP

Police officers shout at protesters to move at a nearby park outside government headquarters in Hong Kong's Admiralty on Wednesday.

## Hong Kong crackdown enrages public

The Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong police battling activists for control of an underpass in the dead of night Wednesday sparked public anger after officers were seen kicking a handcuffed protester in the worst violence since street demonstrations for greater democracy began more than two weeks ago.

Officers armed with riot shields, batons and pepper spray knocked activists to the ground, dragging dozens away, and tore down barricades protesters used as roadblocks around the under-

pass outside the government's headquarters.

Outrage over their aggressive tactics exploded after local TV showed officers taking the protester around a dark corner and kicking him repeatedly on the ground.

It's unclear what provoked the attack. Local Now TV showed him splashing water on officers beforehand.

"Hong Kong police have gone insane today, carrying out their own punishment in private," said pro-democracy lawmaker Lee Cheuk-yan. "Hong Kong's values and its rule of law really have

been completely destroyed by police chiefs."

Police spokesman Steve Hui said seven officers who were involved have been temporarily reassigned, and that authorities will carry out an impartial investigation.

Beijing, meanwhile, issued its harshest condemnations yet of the protests, calling them illegal, bad for business and against Hong Kong's best interests.

The central government has become increasingly impatient with the demonstrations, the biggest challenge to its authority since China took control of the former

British colony in 1997.

However, there were no signs that the central government was planning to become directly involved in suppressing the demonstrations, which have marshalled opposition to plans for a pro-Beijing committee to screen candidates in Hong Kong's first election to choose the city's chief executive in 2017. The protesters also want the current leader, deeply unpopular Leung Chun-ying, to resign.

The demonstrations have posed an unprecedented challenge to the government, and it is unclear when and how the crisis will be resolved.

## Putin to focus on Ukraine on Milan visit

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin will hold a series of meetings with Western leaders focusing on Ukraine during his trip to Italy, the Kremlin said Wednesday.

Attending this week's Europe-Asia summit in Milan offers Putin the first chance to discuss the Ukrainian crisis with Western leaders since his trip to France in June to attend the D-Day anniversary.

The U.S. and the European Union have imposed a series of economic sanctions against Moscow over its annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and support for a pro-Russia insurgency in eastern Ukraine. High-level contacts have been sharply curtailed amid the worst Russia-West crisis since the Cold War, and Putin hasn't traveled to Europe since a brief visit to Vienna in late June.

Presidential foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov said that Putin will meet Thursday with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and attend a dinner involving other leaders.

On Friday, Putin will have breakfast with the leaders of Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Ukraine and the European Union that will focus on Ukraine. A separate meeting involving Putin and the leaders of France, Germany and Ukraine is also being considered.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said that he's pinning big hopes on the meetings in Milan.

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# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Silicon Valley's new perk: funding fertility

Facebook, Apple pay for egg freezing, sperm donors in effort to attract more women

By BARBARA ORTUTAY  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Free lunches, dry cleaning, massages — frozen eggs?

Silicon Valley's biggest companies have long offered cushy perks to attract top talent and keep workers happy logging scores of hours on the job. Beyond day-to-day luxuries, Facebook and Apple will give up to \$20,000 in benefits to help employees pay for infertility treatments, sperm donors and even to freeze their eggs. The move comes amid stiff competition for skilled engineers, and as many of the biggest firms try to diversify their male-dominated ranks to include and appeal to more women.

"Anything that gives women more control over the timing of fertility is going to be helpful to professional women," said Shelley Correll, a sociology profes-

# \$20,000

Amount of reimbursement Facebook is offering workers for reproductive-related costs. Apple will begin offering similar benefits next year.

sor and director of the Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford University. "It potentially addresses the conflicts between the biological clock and the clockwork of women's careers: The time that's most important in work, for getting your career established, often coincides with normal fertility time for women. This can potentially help resolve that by pushing women's fertility into the future."

Facebook this year started offering to reimburse workers for up to \$20,000 worth of reproductive-related costs, over the course

of employment. Apple's similar perks will start next year. The companies' egg-freezing benefits were first reported by NBCNews.com on Tuesday.

Freezing eggs involves removing a woman's eggs and cooling them to subzero temperatures to preserve them for future use and stop the egg from changing and developing. Generally speaking, the viability of a woman's eggs can decline a bit at age 27 before taking a steeper drop around age 34 or 35. The rate of women who had their first child between 40 and 44 has more than doubled in the past 20 years, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As more women wait longer to have their first child, the number of women choosing to freeze their eggs has grown "exponentially," said Dr. Alan Copperman, a fertility specialist at Mount Sinai Hospital. They are also doing it

at a younger age, which means healthier and more viable eggs.

Freezing their eggs gives women an option to focus on their career or education first. But the procedure can cost upward of \$10,000, plus storage costs of several hundred dollars a year. Later it costs another several thousand to thaw and fertilize the eggs and implant them in the womb.

### MARKET WATCH

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Dow Jones	-5.88
Industrials	16,315.19
Nasdaq composite	13,511
Standard & Poor's 500	2,964.27
Russell 2000	1,230.17

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 16)	\$1.3998
Dollar buys (Oct. 16)	99.7635
British pound (Oct. 16)	\$1.61
Japanese yen (Oct. 16)	104.00
South Korean won (Oct. 16)	1,040.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.5995
Canada (dollar)	1.1282
China (Yuan)	6.1253
Denmark (Krone)	6.8206
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525
Euro	\$1.2784
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.9222
Hungary (Forint)	239.61
Israel (Sheqel)	3.6879
Japan (Yen)	106.11
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2885
Norway (Krone)	6.5457
Philippines (Peso)	434.86
Poland (Zloty)	3.29
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7511
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2723
South Korea (Won)	1,059.14
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9439
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.42
Turkey (Lira)	2.2584

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### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Account with no overdraft	3.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	2.96

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



### Thursday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ableene, Texas	90	55	Cir	Chattanooga	66	47	Cldy	Fort Wayne	63	49	Cldy	Louisville	63	52	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	62	48	Rain	Cheyenne	67	37	Pcldy	Fresno	80	61	Cir	Lubbock	90	47	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	73	56	Rain	Chicago	61	50	Cldy	Goodland	74	41	Cir	Macon	75	46	Cir
Albuquerque	76	50	Cir	Cincinnati	63	49	Cldy	Grand Junction	70	43	Pcldy	Madison	62	46	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	72	51	Rain	Cleveland	62	51	Cldy	Grand Rapids	61	51	Cldy	Medford	70	45	Cldy
Anchorage	44	35	Cldy	Colorado Springs	72	41	Cir	Great Falls	57	37	Pcldy	Memphis	73	56	Cir
Ashville	62	41	Pcldy	Columbia, S.C.	74	50	Pcldy	Green Bay	59	46	Cldy	Miami Beach	85	67	Pcldy
Atlanta	68	51	Pcldy	Columbus, Ga.	74	49	Pcldy	Greensboro, N.C.	69	50	Cldy	Midland-Odessa	91	51	Cir
Atlantic City	72	54	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	66	51	Rain	Harrisburg	71	58	Rain	Mpls-St Paul	68	47	Cir
Aurora	66	51	Cir	Concord, N.H.	70	56	Rain	Hartford Springfield	71	58	Rain	Missoula	58	33	Cldy
Baltimore	71	59	Cir	Corpus Christi	86	65	Cir	Helena	59	38	Pcldy	Mobile	59	32	Cir
Baton Rouge	83	56	Cir	Dallas-Ft Worth	87	59	Cir	Honolulu	70	70	Cir	Montgomery	76	46	Cir
Birmingham	64	40	Cir	Dayton	64	49	Cldy	Houston	86	61	Cir	Nashville	66	49	Cldy
Bismarck	71	47	Cldy	Daytona Beach	81	58	Cir	Huntsville	67	45	Pcldy	New Orleans	82	61	Cir
Boise	64	45	Cldy	Denver	69	43	Pcldy	Indianapolis	64	50	Cldy	New York City	72	58	Rain
Boston	71	59	Cir	Des Moines	69	47	Cir	Jacksonville	78	55	Cir	Newark	73	57	Rain
Bridgeport	72	55	Rain	Detroit	65	51	Cldy	Janeau	48	36	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	75	58	Rain
Brownsville	87	69	Cir	Duluth	60	44	Cir	Kansas City	71	46	Cir	North Platte	73	34	Cir
Buffalo	64	52	Rain	El Paso	84	56	Rain	Key West	84	72	Pcldy	Okla City	86	51	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	75	59	Cir	Elkins	57	34	Rain	Knoxville	64	47	Cldy	Omaha	71	44	Cir
Caribou, Maine	64	58	Rain	Erie	63	52	Rain	Lake Charles	83	63	Cir	Orlando	83	59	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	76	55	Cir	Evansville	68	50	Cldy	Lansing	61	51	Cldy	Paducah	67	50	Pcldy
Charlotte, N.C.	70	47	Cldy	Fairbanks	32	23	Cldy	Las Vegas	84	62	Pcldy	Pendleton	65	49	Cldy
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				Flagstaff	67	33	Cir	Lincoln	73	44	Cir	Philadelphia	72	55	Rain
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## OPINION

## Obama must consider escalating war

By DAVID IGNATIUS

**A**s fighters from the Islamic State surge toward control of Anbar province in western Iraq and the border town of Kobani in Syria, U.S. commanders and diplomats are signaling that the U.S. must expand its military operations before the extremists control even more territory.

"Too few and too slow," is the way one official characterizes efforts so far. Supporters of an expanded American role appear to include Secretary of State John Kerry and Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

President Barack Obama is facing difficult new options to bolster allies in both Syria and Iraq. As he weighs the recommendations for tougher action, Obama must worry that because of the deteriorating situation, he's being pushed down the very path of escalation he had hoped to avoid.

U.S. strategy for Iraq and Syria is being managed by Gen. John Allen, the retired Marine who's serving as special envoy and just returned from the region. The proposals under discussion at the White House are likely to include:

- Sending more Apache gunships to Iraq to counter the extremists' offensive in Anbar province. Some of these deadly attack helicopters are already at Baghdad Airport, and more could be sent to al-Asad air base in western Anbar, which remains under government control. From these two bases, a squadron of 20 or so Apaches could attack the Islamic State's enclaves from al-Qaim in the northwest to Abu Ghraib in the Baghdad suburbs. Dempsey pointed to the

Apaches last weekend in a TV interview as an "immediately available" tool to defend Baghdad Airport.

- Stepping up airstrikes over Iraq and Syria. To stop the extremists' advance, some officials argue that 150 to 200 sorties a day may be needed, a sharp increase from 10 a day recently. Air power has limited effect against this insurgency, but Pentagon and State Department officials say right now it may be the only way to prevent further losses.

- Accelerate the training of the Iraqi army and a new Sunni national guard. Hundreds of foreign trainers, drawn from the special forces of the U.S., Britain, France, Germany, Australia and other nations, will be working with the Iraqi military. A similar effort is needed for the Sunni guard. Plans call for three battalions of tribal fighters in Anbar and three more in Saladin province. U.S. officials believe a quick start for this program will boost morale among Sunni tribal leaders who say they're ready to take the extremists but lack the tools.

- Create a border strip in northern Syria that's safe from air attacks by the regime of President Bashar Assad. Though Obama has long resisted this no-fly zone, many U.S. officials now argue it's essential, not least to steady Turkey. Kerry signaled his support last week, and Dempsey agreed Sunday: "Do I anticipate that there could be circumstances in the future where that (a no-fly zone) would be part of the campaign? Yeah."

- Speed the training of the moderate Free Syrian Army so it can battle the Islamic State's militants. Easier said than done: The FSA is a ragtag force that must

be rebuilt into a real rebel army with a solid command structure. Some officials argue for doubling the planned force to 10,000, and speeding completion of training camps in Jordan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

- Warn the Assad government that the U.S.-led coalition won't permit attacks on the moderate opposition. Given the reluctance of America, Turkey and other nations to send ground troops into Syria, and the popular hatred of Assad's army, the FSA represents what generals call the "ideal mechanism" against the extremists. Assad must stop assaulting these forces that can liberate Sunni areas from the Islamic State.

- Finally and most painfully, authorize U.S. advisers to join the "assault echelon" when Iraqis go into battle against the extremists. This will be the hardest recommendation for Obama to accept, because it fizzes his pledge not to use combat troops in Iraq. But one official says putting U.S. advisers "in harm's way" will be crucial in stiffening Iraqi resolve. Dempsey said Sunday that the "decisive" battles for Mosul and other extremist strongholds "will require a different kind of advising and assisting" from what Obama initially advocated.

Here's the way Kerry summed up the situation to a colleague recently: With the extremists on the march, Obama faces a "fundamental question" of how to carry out his pledge to "degrade and ultimately destroy" the Islamic State. It's a terrible dilemma for the president, but an inescapable one.

David Ignatius is a member of Washington Post Writers Group.

## Panetta performed a valuable public service

By JAY AMBROSIO

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

**T**hanks, thanks and more thanks to Leon Panetta, a former congressman, secretary of defense, budget director, White House chief of staff and head of three different agencies, including the CIA — someone, in short, who knows his way around Washington. He has made it clear the current political stalemate there is at least partly traceable to the leadership shortcomings of President Barack Obama. The observation matters.

It matters because Panetta has credibility and because a contrary view is proving a threat to fundamental American principles. That contrary view is that it's House Republicans who are solely at fault for absolutely refusing to compromise on much of anything. Panetta, who worked with Obama when he was heading up Defense and the CIA, hardly lets the House off the hook, but sees Obama as isolated, overly professional and consequently missing in action.

"My experience in Washington is that logic alone doesn't work," he said in an MSNBC interview about his new book, "Worthy Fights," which has stirred up lots of debate. "Once you lay out a position, you are going to roll up your sleeves and you have to fight to get it done. This is key in

Washington. In order for presidents to succeed, they cannot just, when they run into problems, step back and give up."

It seemed to him, he said, that the president had done just that on budgetary, immigration, infrastructure and other issues. Without nearly as close-up a view, others have noticed the same thing. Obama has seldom bothered to get in the ring and tussle. To be sure, he has given lots of provocative speeches at fundraisers, but that can be the opposite of getting the other side to go along with something. Panetta says he has seen better presidents at work, such as the one he served as chief of staff, Bill Clinton. He vigorously engaged with equally fierce Republican opposition and found ways to make perfectly fine deals.

What's most worrisome about Obama is what he does when Congress doesn't give him what he has not himself worked to get. He cheats. He rewrites laws through a technique — issuing executive orders — that bypasses Congress and the Constitution. His defenders say other presidents have issued more, only there is a difference. Most major did it on relatively small matters the power was meant to address rather than on very large matters it was not meant to address.

Some liberals say, well, you know, this technique is acceptable because there is no other way to achieve ends they see as vital.

They are wrong on at least two counts, the first and most important of which is that their governmental druthers are not a fraction as important as maintaining a democratic republic in which those in high office actually obey the law and in which rights and freedoms are kept intact.

Yes, there are major issues that need addressing — a potentially ruinous debt, as an example of one the liberals do not worry much about — but there are other means of coping with stalemate. How about leadership by the president and more effort by a Senate that passes far fewer bills than the House. Just maybe Panetta and other critics have helped wake up Obama, maybe the president will find ways to get the House to compromise and maybe the upcoming midterm election will revitalize a Senate that is mostly practiced these days in snorting.

Panetta, who has primarily received attention for what he said in the book about Obama's foreign policy errors, has been kicked hard by some who think it egregiously shameful to embarrass the president. What about serving the country? Whether they work or not, Panetta's observations are aimed at that objective. Do these critics think that is such a bad thing to do?

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## OPINION

# GOP's midterm advantage: reliable voters

BY DOYLE MCMANUS  
Los Angeles Times

National polling on the Nov. 4 midterm elections confirms a doleful trend that has been firming up all year. Voters aren't enthusiastic about their choices — on either side.

A Gallup Poll last week found that only 32 percent of voters said they felt "extremely motivated" to go to the polls this year, down sharply from the 50 percent who were fired up for the 2010 congressional election. Democrats are less enthusiastic than Republicans, but even GOP voters say they're less excited than they were four years ago.

Yet it's a consequential election — control of Congress hangs in the balance, and with it a host of important issues, including health care, environmental regulation and immigration reform. Not that that's the focus of much of the candidates' advertising. They're demonizing their opponents, working to convince voters that the other guy is intolerable — and often succeeding.

Republicans have sought to turn the election into a referendum on President Barack Obama, especially wherever they stand a good chance of defeating incumbent Democratic senators. Democrats have painted their GOP opponents as soldiers in a "war on women."

Who's winning the motivation derby? Republicans, apparently. That Gallup Poll found that 44 percent of voters who expected to vote Republican described themselves as "extremely motivated," only 25 percent of Democratic voters felt that way. Other polls yield similar results, although most are less dramatic. "There's no way around it: There's a huge enthusiasm gap," Democratic pollster Celinda Lake told me Tuesday.

That doesn't guarantee that Republicans will win the six additional Senate seats they need to take control of both halves of Congress. But the Democrats have a

core problem that goes beyond the current polls: In congressional "off year" elections, their voters don't show up.

The numbers are stark. About 133 million people voted in the presidential elections of 2008, but only about 90 million turned up for the congressional elections of 2010 — almost one-third fewer. The no-shows included disproportionate numbers of young people, women and minority voters — all largely Democratic groups. The "reliable voters" were disproportionately elderly, white and male — all groups that tend to vote Republican.

Or look at voter participation by income. Most affluent Americans vote every two years, rain or shine; the poor — working or not — don't vote nearly as reliably.

In 2010, 62 percent of voting-age citizens in households earning \$250,000 or more a year turned out for the congressional election; only 35 percent of those earning \$30,000 or less showed up.

Why don't low-income voters turn out? After all, they often have a direct stake in government policies — including minimum wage laws, health care and welfare reform.

Political scientists and campaign professionals offer several explanations. In some cases, it's more difficult for poor people to get to the polls because of work schedules and access to transportation. And low-income voters are often less engaged in general in civic activities than more affluent voters. They often say they don't see much difference between the candidates, or that they don't think an election's outcome will matter.

At a series of focus groups with "low propensity voters" in Detroit this year, Lake discovered that many didn't know what was at stake. "They didn't know who controls the Senate," she said. "So they didn't realize that their state could make the difference."

In the focus group, conducted for the lib-



eral organization MoveOn.org, Lake said she offered a traditional argument for voting, telling participants that their friends and relatives would be turning out. "They said: Not our friends and family."

The lesson? "It's going to take a strong message to get those voters — single women and African-American women — to turn out," Lake said.

And according to the focus group, the message that had the greatest impact, was "equal pay for equal work."

That's not the core message Democrats expected to be carrying into the fall, although it was always going to be part of their campaign. Originally, the White House built a platform based a proposed increase in the federal minimum wage — and, with luck, an improving economy.

But the economy didn't improve fast enough; many voters say it still feels as if the country's in a recession. And the Sen-

ate never passed its proposed minimum wage increase — although Democrats still hope state minimum wage measures on the ballot in Alaska and Arkansas will help them win tight races there.

"Campaigning on an economic message is awkward when you can't take a victory lap," Lake conceded.

So the Democrats are left frowning at those stark numbers about who votes while Republicans can keep smiling. Perhaps the Democrats' other angle — an ambitious \$60 million "get out the vote" ground operation — will succeed in boosting their turnout to presidential-year levels in the states they need most.

But the Republicans have a much easier job — simply because their voters are more reliable.

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## Grimes sticking to principle isn't the right answer

BY KATHLEEN PARKER

WASHINGTON  
So unopporal is President Barack Obama these days that the (D) following Democratic candidates' names might stand for Denial.

And, so desperate are political pundits for any fresh news crumbs that a molehill quickly becomes a mountain. One ill-chosen word — or, worse, failure to answer a reporter's question — and the candidate is suddenly redrawn into a caricature he doesn't recognize.

Just ask Mitt "47 percent" Romney or former Virginia Gov. George "macaca" Allen. Now add to the list Kentucky Democrat and U.S. Senate candidate Alison Lundergan Grimes, who, upon dodging a question about whether she voted for Obama, is sitting atop a mountain of media pain.

A bright, attractive candidate any state would be proud to claim, Grimes staked her campaign on how much she isn't like Obama. Her ads have been so starkly separatist — "I'm not Barack Obama" — that she might as well have been wearing a hazmat suit.

Note to politicians: When your ad begins "I'm not ..." you're probably already in trouble. And, when you choose to distance yourself from your own party's leader, people are going to wonder whether you ever supported him — and when you stopped.

Thus, when an editorial board asked Grimes whether she had voted for Obama



PABLO ALCALA, THE LEXINGTON (Ky.) HERALD-LEADER/AP

**Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes, a Democrat, is seeking to unseat Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.**

in 2008 and 2012 (she was a Hillary Rodham Clinton delegate in 2008), Grimes epidly mented "the sanctity of the ballot box," and then tried to direct attention elsewhere.

Later, when asked the same question during a recent debate with incumbent Sen. Mitch McConnell, she elaborated on her principled position against such questioning, but her reply was too little too late. The unanswered question had seized the

buzz and foretold the deluge.

The point she was trying to make is the only one that matters: How people vote is no one else's business. This is foundational in a free, democratic society. Yet, voters will hear little else in the remaining weeks before Election Day than that Grimes wouldn't come clean, followed by all the implicit questions and doubts about her honesty, forthrightness, and, the only sin Americans won't forgive, hypocrisy.

Oh, what tangled webs ...  
But the economy didn't improve fast enough; many voters say it still feels as if the country's in a recession. And the Sen-

By her refusal to answer, are we to infer that she voted for John McCain or Mitt Romney? Perhaps she didn't vote at all. Lie avoidance seems a more plausible explanation than fear of revealing the obvious.

Besides, who agrees with everything a president does along party lines, anyway? A: Only people who have nothing interesting to say.

I admit to some ambivalence on the molehill that didn't have to become a mountain. On the one hand, the question shouldn't be asked. Or rather, it needn't be answered. On the other hand, the "yes" you just answer the daudum question?

Media reaction to her dodginess at first seemed a function of narcissistic injury than virtuous pursuit of public interest. How dare she flout our right to know? In fairness, reporters (including yours truly) will always ask the (any) question on the well-grounded assumption that the victim,

I mean respondent, will usually answer.

Even so, criticism of Grimes' petite omission seems unduly harsh. Some analysts have all but called her campaign over.

On a personal note, I don't even know how my husband votes — and he would never ask me for whom I voted. What is marriage without a little mystery?

Right or wrong, the unanswered question will linger if only because we are a little bored. The truth is, Grimes' only substantive error was not being prepared for a question that, given her campaign ads, was all but inevitable.

Her attempt to focus attention on ballot sanctity suffered from a first mention that was weak and a second that seemed too studied for an exam that had already passed.

Too bad Grimes didn't seize the opportunity and make memorable the moment when she chastised the media for forgetting the bloodshed by our forebears and, not long ago, our fellow African-American citizens, who suffered and died for the right to cast a ballot without fear of retribution.

Well, you don't get a chance to take a principled stand every day.

This bitter episode — or teachable moment, if you prefer — may yet prove less than fatal, but we are reminded nonetheless that the unanswered question often reveals more than the answered one.

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# SPORTS

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## Deals

### Tuesday's transactions

**BASEBALL**  
**CHICAGO ANGELS** — **TAMPA BAY RAYS** — Named Matt Silverman president of baseball operations and Brian Auld team president.  
**National League**  
**LOS ANGELES DODGERS** — Named Andrew Friedman president of baseball operations. Announced general manager Ned Colletti will stay on as a senior adviser to team president and CEO. Andrew Friedman's brother Roger Bernadina refused his outright assignment and has been elected to become a free agent.

**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**TORONTO RAPTORS** — Exercised their fourth-year team option on C Jonas Valanciunas and F Terrence Ross for the 2015-16 season.  
**PORTLAND THORNS** — Exercised their fourth-year team option on G F Otto Porter.

**Women's National Basketball Association**  
**NEW YORK LIBERTY** — Announced they will not renew the contract of coach general manager Bill Cartwright.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**ARIZONA CARDINALS** — Signed LB Kevin Burnett and CB Ross Weaver to the practice squad. Released LB Jonathan Brown from the practice squad.

**CHICAGO BEARS** — Signed LB Terrell Manning to the practice squad.

**CLEVELAND BROWNS** — Signed DL Eric Kendricks to the practice squad. Signed LB Danieshae Robinson to the practice squad. Released WR Larry Donnell from the practice squad.

**NEW YORK GIANTS** — Placed LB Danny Trevathan on recallable injured reserve. Released LB Chris Murray from the practice squad. Released LB Chris Murray from the practice squad.

**NEW YORK JETS** — Placed WR Vinny Curry on recallable injured reserve. Released WR Kevin Oglesby from the practice squad. Signed RB James White to the practice squad.

**NEW YORK YANKEES** — Placed RB Carlos Fields to the practice squad. Released RB Carlos Fields to the practice squad. Released RB Carlos Fields to the practice squad.

**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** — Signed Greg Sargent to the practice squad. Released Greg Sargent to the practice squad.

**ST. LOUIS BRUINS** — Signed Steve Soderstrom to the practice squad. Released Steve Soderstrom to the practice squad.

**DALLAS STARS** — Recalled LW Curtis McKenzie from Texas (AHL). Signed LW Curtis McKenzie from Texas (AHL).

**MINNESOTA WILD** — Recalled LW Ryan O'Callaghan from the AHL. Released LW Ryan O'Callaghan from the AHL.

**MOTORSPORTS**  
**NASCAR** — Fined Brad Keselowski \$20,000 for exceeding his 100 laps per race post-race conduct on Oct. 11 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

**Major League Soccer**  
**PORTLAND TIMBERS** — Announced the formation of Timbers 2, a professional team that will compete in the USL Championship in 2015.

**USL FIRST DIVISION** — Announced the formation of Sounders 2, a professional team that will compete in USL Pro starting in 2015.

**SOUTHEASTERN LEAGUE** — Announced the retirement of commissioner Mike Silve, effective July 31, 2015.

## AP spotlight

**1932** — After a 6-0 tie earlier in the season, the Green Bay Packers beat the Chicago Bears 29-14.

**1964** — Babe Ruth died at 42 years and four touchdowns in a 4-43 tie with the Oakland Athletics.

**1971** — Norm Uhlman of the Toronto Maple Leafs recorded his 1,000th career point in a 5-1 loss to the New York Rangers.

**1976** — Tony Franklin of Texas A&M won the 60-yard dash at the NCAA record. The distances are 65 and 64 yards as the Aggies beat Baylor 24-0.

## College football

**Tuesday's score**  
**SOUTHWEST**  
Louisiana-Lafayette 34, Texas St. 10

**Schedule**  
**Thursday, Oct. 16**  
**EAST**  
Virginia Tech at Oregon (3-3) FT  
Utah (4-1) at Arizona (4-1)

**Friday, Oct. 17**  
**SOUTHWEST**  
Temple (4-1) at Houston (3-3) FT  
**FAR WEST**  
Fresno St. (3-4) at Boise St. (4-2)

**Saturday, Oct. 18**  
**FAR WEST**  
Sacred Heart (5-1) at Duquesne (4-2) CCSU (2-4) at Robert Morris (0-6)

**Sunday, Oct. 19**  
Bowling Green (4-2) at Western Michigan (4-2) Bryant (4-2) at Delaware (4-2)

**Monday, Oct. 20**  
Albany (NY) (4-2) at Maine (2-4) Lafayette (5-2) at Harvard (4-0)

**Tuesday, Oct. 21**  
Columbia (4-2) at Penn (4-2) Colgate (4-2) at Yale (3-1)

**Wednesday, Oct. 22**  
Holy Cross (2-5) at Dartmouth (3-1) Lehigh (0-5) at Cornell (0-4)

**Thursday, Oct. 23**  
Clemson (4-2) at Boston College (4-2) Brown (2-2) at Princeton (2-2)

**Friday, Oct. 24**  
W. Kentucky (2-3) at FAU (2-4) UTSA (2-4) at Louisiana Tech (3-3)

**Saturday, Oct. 25**  
Florida (4-2) at South Carolina (3-3) Chattanooga (3-3) at The Citadel (2-4)

**Sunday, Oct. 26**  
Tulane (2-4) at UCF (2-3) Syracuse (4-2) at Wake Forest (3-1)

**Monday, Oct. 27**  
Norfolk St. (2-5) at Hampton (1-5) Wake Forest (3-1) at Virginia Tech (3-1)

**Tuesday, Oct. 28**  
NC Central (3-3) at Morgan St. (3-3) Stony Brook (3-3) at Elmhurst (1-5)

**Wednesday, Oct. 29**  
Georgia Tech (3-3) at Wake Forest (3-1) NC A&T (3-3) at Delaware St. (2-5)

**Thursday, Oct. 30**  
Presbyterian (3-3) at Charleston Southern (5-1)

**Friday, Oct. 31**  
Ark.-Pine Bluff (1-4) at Grambling St. (4-2)

**Saturday, Nov. 1**  
Prairie View (2-4) at MSU (1-5)

**Sunday, Nov. 2**  
UT-Martin (2-5) at Tennessee St. (4-3) Georgia Tech (3-3) at Alabama (5-2)

**Monday, Nov. 3**  
NC State (4-2) at Louisville (5-2) Middle Tennessee (3-3) Rhode Island (0-6) at Richmond (4-2)

**Tuesday, Nov. 4**  
Davidson (1-6) at Mercer (3-3) W. Carolina (4-2) at Campbell (3-3)

**Wednesday, Nov. 5**  
Lamar (4-2) at Nichols St. (0-7) Wake Forest (3-3) at North Western St. (3-3)

**Thursday, Nov. 6**  
Bethune-Cookman (5-1) at Savannah St. (3-3)

**Friday, Nov. 7**  
Jacksonville (5-1) at Stetson (2-4) Murray St. (2-4) at Austin Peay (0-6)

**Saturday, Nov. 8**  
Alabama Christian (4-3) at McNeese St. (2-4)

**Sunday, Nov. 9**  
Tennessee (3-3) at Mississippi (6-0) Georgia Tech (5-1) at North Carolina (4-2)

**Monday, Nov. 10**  
Kentucky (5-1) at LSU (5-2) Middle Tennessee (3-3) at South Alabama (3-3)

**Tuesday, Nov. 11**  
Dartmouth (3-1) at Florida St. (4-0) Kent. Arkansas (4-3) at SE Louisiana (5-2)

**Wednesday, Nov. 12**  
Kentucky (6-0) at Tennessee Tech (2-4)

**Thursday, Nov. 13**  
San Diego (4-1) at Butler (3-3)

**Friday, Nov. 14**  
Morehead St. (2-4) at Dayton (4-1)

**Saturday, Nov. 15**  
Michigan (3-3) at Bowling Green (5-2)

**Sunday, Nov. 16**  
Okr. (4-2) at Ohio (3-4) Illinois (1-5) at SE Missouri (4-3)

**Monday, Nov. 17**  
Drake (3-3) at Valparaiso (2-4)

**Tuesday, Nov. 18**  
Dakota (2-4) at Missouri St. (3-3)

**Wednesday, Nov. 19**  
Ball St. (1-5) at Cent. Michigan (4-3)

**Thursday, Nov. 20**  
Jacksonville (5-1) at Indiana (3-3)

**Friday, Nov. 21**  
Army (2-4) at Kent St. (0-6)

**Saturday, Nov. 22**  
Indiana (3-3) at N. Dakota St. (6-0)

**Sunday, Nov. 23**  
Rutgers (5-1) at Ohio St. (4-1)

**Monday, Nov. 24**  
S. Illinois (5-2) at Youngstown St. (4-2)

**Tuesday, Nov. 25**  
S. Dakota St. (4-2) at N. Iowa (3-3)

**Wednesday, Nov. 26**  
Nebraska (5-1) at Northwestern (3-3)

**Thursday, Nov. 27**  
Kansas St. (4-1) at Oklahoma (5-1)

**Friday, Nov. 28**  
North Carolina (4-2) at Miami (4-2)

**Saturday, Nov. 29**  
Cincinnati (2-3) at SMU (0-5)

**Sunday, Nov. 30**  
Georgia Tech (5-1) at Arkansas (3-3)

**Monday, Dec. 1**  
at Little Rock, Ark.

**Tuesday, Dec. 2**  
at Southern Miss. (5-1) at TCU (4-1)

**Wednesday, Dec. 3**  
at Southern Miss. (4-2) at North Texas Baptist (1-5)

**Thursday, Dec. 4**  
at Stephen F. Austin (4-2) at Houston Baptist (1-5)

**Friday, Dec. 5**  
at UConn (1-5) at Montana (4-2)

**Saturday, Dec. 6**  
at New Mexico (2-4) at Air Force (4-2)

**Sunday, Dec. 7**  
at San Jose St. (2-3) at Wyoming (3-1)

**Monday, Dec. 8**  
N. Colorado (2-4) at E. Washington (6-1)

**Tuesday, Dec. 9**  
Utah (4-1) at Idaho St. (3-3)

**Wednesday, Dec. 10**  
Idaho St. (3-3) at Portland St. (0-6)

**Thursday, Dec. 11**  
Utah St. (4-2) at Colorado St. (5-1)

**Friday, Dec. 12**  
Washington St. (4-1) at Oregon (6-1)

**Saturday, Dec. 13**  
Cal Poly (3-3) at Sacramento St. (4-3)

**Sunday, Dec. 14**  
Stanford (4-2) at Arizona St. (4-1)

**Monday, Dec. 15**  
Hawaii (2-4) at San Diego St. (3-3)

## Pro football

**NFL**  
**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

**East**  
New England 4 2 0 667 160 129  
Buffalo 3 3 0 500 118 126

**West**  
Indianapolis 4 2 0 667 189 136  
Houston 3 3 0 530 132 120

**South**  
Tennessee 4 2 0 667 189 136  
Jacksonville 0 6 0 0 0 81 185

**North**  
Cincinnati 3 1 1 709 134 113  
Pittsburgh 3 2 0 667 164 97

**West**  
San Diego 5 1 0 833 164 91  
Dallas 2 3 0 400 119 101

**South**  
Kansas City 2 3 0 400 119 101  
Oakland 2 3 0 337 97 134

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**East**  
Philadelphia 5 1 0 833 183 132

**West**  
Denver 4 2 0 833 165 126  
N.Y. Giants 3 2 0 500 133 138

**South**  
Carolina 3 2 1 583 147 104  
New Orleans 2 4 0 333 164 170

**North**  
Detroit 4 2 0 667 116 106  
Green Bay 2 3 0 500 143 144

**West**  
Chicago 3 2 0 500 143 144  
Minnesota 2 3 0 333 104 150

**Thursday's game**  
Indianapolis (3-3) Houston (2-5)

**Friday, Oct. 17**  
Tennessee (5-1) Jacksonville (4-2)

**Saturday, Oct. 18**  
Baltimore (4-2) Tampa Bay (1-5)

**Sunday, Oct. 19**  
New England (3-3) Buffalo (2-4)

**Monday, Oct. 20**  
Carolina (3-3) Cincinnati (3-1)

**Tuesday, Oct. 21**  
Seattle (5-1) St. Louis (0-6)

**Wednesday, Oct. 22**  
Carolina (3-3) Chicago (4-2)

**Thursday, Oct. 23**  
Carolina (3-3) Green Bay (2-4)

**Friday, Oct. 24**  
Tennessee (5-1) Washington (4-2)

**Saturday, Oct. 25**  
Cleveland (4-2) Jacksonville (3-3)

**Sunday, Oct. 26**  
Cincinnati (2-3) at Buffalo (4-2)

**Monday, Oct. 27**  
San Francisco (3-3) Tampa Bay (1-5)

**Tuesday, Oct. 28**  
Houston (2-5) Pittsburgh (3-3)

**Wednesday, Oct. 29**  
Carolina (3-3) at Tampa Bay (1-5)

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Keselowski, Stewart fined after Charlotte

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR fined Brad Keselowski \$50,000 and Tony Stewart \$25,000 on Tuesday for their roles in the fracas at Charlotte Motor Speedway over the weekend.

Both drivers also were placed on probation, with NASCAR saying the penalties "are about maintaining a safe environment following the race." Matt Kenseth and Denny Hamlin were not penalized for their roles in the skirmishes after Saturday night's race.

"We knew that the new Chase format was likely going to raise the intensity level, and we want our drivers to continue to be themselves," said Robin Pemberton, NASCAR senior vice president of competition and racing development. "However, the safety of our drivers, crew members, officials, and workers is paramount and we will react when that safety could be compromised."

The sequence of events began on the cool-down lap when Hamlin admittedly brake-checked Keselowski to show his displeasure with how Keselowski raced him over the final two laps. Keselowski then tried, but failed, to spin Hamlin.

He then hit Kenseth's car as they traveled toward pit road in an act of retaliation, Keselowski said, for Kenseth dragging across the front of his car under caution with six laps remaining in the race. Keselowski inadvertently ran into the back of Stewart's car as the entire field headed toward pit road. Stewart responded by backing his car up into Keselowski's car.

## Cowboys' Randle won't be suspended by team

IRVING, Texas — Dallas Cowboys running back Joseph Randle won't be suspended after his arrest on a shoplifting charge.

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said on Wednesday that Randle will be fined "significantly" but will play in the NFL on Sunday against the New York Giants.

Randle was charged with misdemeanor theft of between \$50 and \$500 after he was accused of taking \$123 worth of cologne and



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**Honduras' Maynor Figueroa, left, scores the tying goal as the United States' Jermaine Jones (13) and Timmy Chandler (21) watch during the second half of Tuesday's friendly in Boca Raton, Fla.**

underwear from a department store at a suburban Dallas mall on Monday. He was detained by store security, taken to jail, and posted bond early Tuesday.

In other NFL news:

■ NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and players' union chief DeMaurice Smith agreed to continue discussing changes to the league's personal conduct policy following a four-hour session in New York on Tuesday.

In an email to player representatives afterward, Smith said he made it clear to the league that the union wants due process.

Goodell and NFL officials were joined by Smith, the NFL Players Association's executive director, Eric Winston, the union president, executive committee members Zak DeOssie and Jay Feely and other union staff.

Goodell previously said he

hoped a revamped personal conduct policy would be ready by the Super Bowl.

## Slive to retire as SEC commissioner in July

Southeastern Conference Commissioner Mike Slive will retire next summer after 13 years leading the league to unprecedented success and prosperity.

The 74-year-old Slive said his retirement will take effect July 31, and also announced he plans to begin treatment for a recurrence of prostate cancer.

Slive has become one of the most powerful figures in college sports. Under his leadership, the SEC became the nation's most premier football conference, dug out from under a pile of NCAA compliance issues and won seven consecutive BCS titles. Overall,

the SEC won 67 national championships in 15 of its 21 sponsored sports since he took over in 2002.

The statement said Slive's recurrence was diagnosed after brain surgery in August. He was first treated for prostate cancer in the 1990s.

## US gives up late goal in tie with Honduras

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Maynor Figueroa headed in a late goal to give Honduras a 1-1 draw with the United States in an international friendly Tuesday.

Jozy Altidore marked the return to his hometown by opening the scoring in the 10th minute for his 24th international goal. Mix Diskerud intercepted a pass and Michael Bradley sent a long ball from midfield, where Altidore chested it down, took two

touches and sent a 15-yard, right-footed shot past goalkeeper Donis Escobar.

Figueroa scored when got away from Jermaine Jones and jumped to beat goalkeeper Nick Rimando with a short header off Mario Martinez's free kick in the 86th minute following Diskerud's foul. Figueroa's goal was his fourth in 109 international appearances.

In other soccer news:

■ D.C. United leading scorer Luis Silva has a hamstring injury that could put him out for the rest of the season, a blow to the top team in the Eastern Conference heading into the MLS playoffs.

United said Tuesday that Silva was injured in Sunday's win over the Houston Dynamo and will be sidelined for four to six weeks. He will miss the final two regular-season games and the conference semifinals.

## 17-year-old jockey dies after riding accident

A 17-year-old apprentice jockey considered to be a rising star in horse racing died from injuries sustained in a riding accident at an Indiana track.

The Jockeys' Guild said Wednesday that Juan Saez died Tuesday night at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, where he was airlifted after the accident in the eighth race at Indiana Grand Race Course in suburban Shelbyville.

The track's jockeys agreed to cancel Wednesday's races in remembrance of Saez.

Guild chairman and fellow rider John Velazquez said Saez was surrounded by other riders, his agent and close friends when he died. Saez, who was from Panama, is the younger brother of nationally known rider Luis Saez, who is based in New York.

Juan Saez was aboard Montezuma Express when his mount clipped heels with the horse in front of him, Paddy's Note. Saez's mount fell, causing him to be unseated. A trailing horse, Masaru ridden by Ricardo Santana Jr., was unable to avoid Saez's horse and also fell, unseating Santana Jr., who wasn't seriously injured.

Saez's mount was euthanized after the spill.

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## HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

## D-II teams ready for quarterfinals

By GREGORY BROOME

Stars and Stripes

All the complicated math that went into determining the qualifiers for the DODDS-Europe Division II football playoffs can now be reduced to a few simple numbers.

Eight. The number of teams in the championship bracket.

Four. The number of season-defining games scheduled for Saturday.

Three. The number of consecutive games a team must win to claim the title.

And finally, one. The number of champions crowned.

Interestingly, none of this weekend's games will be between schools based in the same country. Instead, German teams will face squads from northern Italy and Belgium while DODDS-Europe's only Spanish entry makes the long trip to Naples.

Here's a look at the four quarterfinal matchups this weekend:

**No. 8 Aviano (2-3) at No. 1 Ansbach (5-0):** The mathematical mismatch of the tournament is likely to be similarly one-sided on the field.

The eighth-seeded Saints had their moments this season. They started out strong, beating International School of Brussels 39-0 on Sept. 6. A 38-22 win over AF-NORTH on Sept. 22 represented their second and final win of the regular season.

It's Aviano's brutal region and resulting high strength of schedule that ultimately gave the team the required points to edge into the playoffs. But the Saints' record against those regional powers makes an upset unlikely; they lost to above-.500 fees Vicenza, Hohenfels and Naples by a combined 131-27 margin, including a final-week 50-15 loss to Naples.

The top-seeded Cougars, however, might be the fiercest team the Saints have seen yet. And they certainly don't look vulnerable to a quarterfinal slip-up.

"Ansbach always plays at a top-notch level," Aviano coach Richard Dahlstrom said. "So I do not see a let-up this weekend."

Ansbach was hardly challenged in its dominant regular season, a 5-0 slate that included multiple-touchdown wins over fellow playoff teams Naples,



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**Hohenfels' David Vidovic cuts past SHAPE defenders in last year's Division II football championships. The No. 2 Tigers face No. 7 SHAPE in the quarterfinals on Saturday.**

Bitburg and Rota. The Cougars haven't scored less than 40 points or allowed more than 13 points all season, a run that coach Marcus George called a "surprise" given his team's youth.

**No. 7 SHAPE at No. 2 Hohenfels:** This game is a rematch of last year's European championship game, which Hohenfels won 38-35. But fans hoping for a similarly-themed sequel to last year's thrilling title-game tilt are likely to be disappointed with this one. The champion Tigers have rolled their momentum into a new season, this one an undefeated improvement on the 3-2 record they produced in 2013. That's a function of the team's "maturation," coach Larry Daffin said.

"We have talked all season about staying hungry and humble," Daffin said. Hohenfels' opponents have come close to humbling the Tigers themselves. While undefeated, Hohenfels hasn't always played on a clearly higher level as Ansbach has.

Things started off easily enough with routs of Alconbury and Aviano. But then the margins tightened considerably. Naples flirted with an upset before taking a 40-28 loss on Sept. 27. Bitburg nearly avenged its surprise loss from last season's semifinals on Oct. 4, but Hohenfels squeezed out a 36-32 win. The Tigers completed their unbeaten regular season with a hard-fought 33-26 win over Vicenza.

It's fair to say that the Tigers

should expect some close games, even before a prospective meeting with No. 1 Ansbach. The question for this weekend is if SHAPE is capable of giving them one.

The Spartans, while clearly not as deep and talented as last year's squad, won three of five games and were very competitive in their other losses, which came by a combined 23 points to Naples and Vicenza. In fact, they held each of those teams to 20 points, a potential positive omen for dealing with David Vidovic and the Tigers' explosive offense.

**No. 6 Rota at No. 3 Naples:** The Wildcats spent the season lurking as a dark-horse contender, but they ended up an emphatic high seed with a home-field playoff opener.

Naples got the first shot at juggernaut-in-waiting Ansbach and didn't fare any better than any of the teams that followed them in a 48-7 loss. But the team went 3-1 over the balance of the season, losing only in a spirited 40-28 setback to Hohenfels, and burst into the postseason by sweeping Italian rivals Vicenza and Aviano over the season's final two weeks.

The Wildcats certainly have the personnel to make a postseason run. Like most DODDS-Europe teams, the Naples offense is predicated on the run. But very few other schools can match the Wildcats' depth and versatility. A fitting example of that came Saturday against Aviano, when Ty'Rick Riggins, Kory McKinney, Chris Greene, Nick Snider

and Zane Zimmerman all produced double-digit scores.

The Admirals, meanwhile, are enjoying a fresh taste of Division II success. A runner-up in the Division III championship game in 2012, Rota went winless in Division II last season before righting the ship in 2014.

For every mark in Rota's favor as a legit contender, there's another against it.

The Admirals finished above .500 at 3-2, but their wins came over Baumholder, Alconbury and AFNORTH, teams with a combined one victory between them. Their 44-13 loss to Ansbach was encouraging in that it posted the highest point total any team has managed against the Cougars. But one of those touchdowns came on a defensive interception well after the game was decided, and the Rota offense struggled in a 36-6 loss to Bitburg on Sept. 27.

**No. 5 Vicenza at No. 4 Bitburg:** Perhaps Saturday's most-evenly matched game is a battle between two teams whose regular season performances came up short of expectations. But one of the two will advance to the semifinals, a success by almost any program's measure.

The inverse of late-charging Naples, Vicenza stormed out of the 2014 gate with three straight victories, the first two shutouts of Aviano and ISB. Coupled with their 2013 playoff bid, an impressive showing at the annual summer camp at Ansbach and the continued improvement of quarterback Mario Molina, the Cougars were emerging as a trendy championship pick.

The regular season's last two weekends, while not fatal to those hopes, proved damaging. A loss to Naples knocked them down from the undefeated elite class they'd shared with Hohenfels and Ansbach. A loss to Hohenfels a week later sent them packing for a play-off-opening road game.

Still, the Cougars lost each game by a single possession — 32-26 to Naples, 33-26 to Hohenfels — so they're not far away. A key defensive stop or offensive conversion might swing them back into title territory.

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## Top performances

## Football

**Tim Cuthbert and CJ Pridden, Wiesbaden:** The Warrior quarterback doubled duo connected on two deep touchdown passes in Friday night's championship-game rematch with Ramstein. The second came in overtime and gave Wiesbaden a 20-14 victory.

**Holten Sparling, Patch:** The most prolific passer in DODDS-Europe Division I posted a sparkling stat line Saturday in a 51-7 trouncing of Lakenheath. Sparling completed 11 of 14 attempts for 244 yards, five touchdowns and no interceptions. He also ran in a 1-yard score and kicked six extra points.

**Dorian Jones, Ansbach:** The Cougar running back rang up 226 yards and four touchdowns on 34 carries Saturday, helping Ansbach clinch the No. 1 seed in the eight-team Division II postseason.

## Volleyball

**Grace Phillips, AFNORTH:** The multi-sport Lion star went on a 10-point service run Saturday to help secure the Lions' 25-21, 25-6, 25-9 rout of Baunholder.

**Katie Carson, Ansbach:** The Cougars' fortunes were mixed on Saturday as the team registered a loss to Hohenfels and a win over Black Forest Academy. But Carson was effective all day, producing a combined 19 aces, 20 digs and 47 assists.

## Tennis

**Marina Fortun, Patch:** The former European doubles champ and singles contender enjoyed wins in both formats Saturday. Fortun dropped just three combined games in singles and doubles wins over Kaiserslautern.

**Fabian Sandrup Selvik, International School of Brussels:** The heir apparent to the vacated European boys tennis title tuned up for the approaching tournament with a dominant 6-0, 6-0 singles win over SHAPE on Saturday.

## Cross country

**John Casey, Ramstein:** The Royals dominated a small meet with AFNORTH and Brussels on Saturday, taking the top nine spots on the leaderboard. Casey's time of 17:14 led the pack.

**Ginny Belt, Aviano:** The Saints' ace runner stepped onto rival turf at Vicenza on Saturday and came away with an individual victory, finishing with a time of 23:30.

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222	The Luck!	Germersheim
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1114	Steeler07	Fort Riley
1106	Grateful Shamackies	Scott AFB
1098	rennison	Rock Island Arsenal
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## HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

## Galvin racing the clock in a different way

By JAMES KIMBER  
Stars and Stripes

**YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan** — He got through his first two-plus seasons of running cross country and track and field for Yokota without serious injury.

But now pain in his leg has Panthers junior distance runner — and Far East favorite — Daniel Galvin thinking his season might be over.

He said the pain had been affecting him for two weeks before Thursday's race, but the degree of pain was so high that he had to pull out.

"It was the most frustrating weekend I've had in a long time. I've never felt like I have to quit," said Galvin, Pacific record holder in track and field's 800 and 1,600 events.

The unofficial diagnosis was medial tibial stress syndrome, or shin splints, runner and his coaches say. According to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, shin splints are a pain along the inner edge of the shinbone that typically is caused by tightness of the lower leg muscles.

His coach, former Hong Kong Olympian and NCAA All-American Maggie Chan-Roper, advised him to take ibuprofen to minimize inflammation, tape his leg to compress the muscles and rest during the long weekend. Galvin didn't.

"He should be feeling great by now, but he's never been injured before so he doesn't understand that sometimes it just takes patience," said Chan-Roper, who can't have no nonsense in her assessments. "It takes time to learn that it takes time."

"I didn't think it was that important," Galvin said. "And in all honesty, I was so frustrated last week after the race that I wasn't really listening to [Coach]."



JAMES KIMBER/Stars and Stripes

**Yokota cross country coach Maggie Chan-Roper tapes junior Daniel Galvin's leg to help manage his shin splint injury during practice on Oct. 14 at Yokota High School. Galvin says he has felt the injury much of the season, but pulled out of a race only last week.**

Galvin believes he might have a stress fracture. That would put the brakes on a season that has seen him become the fourth runner to cover the 2.9-mile Tama Hills Recreation course in less than 15 minutes, including 14 minutes, 40.9 seconds on Sept. 27. The week before, he ran a Pacific-best 16:08 in a 3.12-mile DODDS meet at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

He's clearly the favorite to take home the individual championship at the Far East meet in early November. His best time is

38 seconds better than his nearest competitor, Kadena's Hunter Ficenec. So there are more than a few people outside the Yokota campus who would be interested in the results of an MRI he had recently at a local hospital.

If it's more serious than shin splints, it could keep him out of the Far East meet Nov. 3-4 and USA Track's national finals in New York City on Nov. 27, which Galvin plans to enter.

Chan-Roper knows a thing or two about

stress fractures. Her running résumé spans from a record-breaking teen-ager to college stardom at Brigham Young to the professional ranks in Hong Kong. In that time, she suffered stress fractures in four consecutive years that forced her to miss time, including the 2004 Olympic Trials.

"If you take ibuprofen and the pain goes away, it's not a stress fracture," Chan-Roper stated simply.

Chan-Roper's concern in Galvin missing extended time is what she calls "untraining." Too much time sitting because of improper injury management will cause the body to slip back to less-than-peak performance. With the championships fast approaching, this is not the time to regress.

Galvin has been working out to ensure his endurance levels remain high for the upcoming races. In addition to swimming and bike riding, he's been focusing on core workouts to improve overall strength and conditioning.

Chan-Roper said there are techniques a runner can take to minimize shin splints.

"There are preventative exercises runners need to practice like running backwards and toe tapping which help build the inner leg muscles," Chan-Roper said. "We will need to focus on those exercises more later."

Regardless of the diagnosis, Galvin said he'd like to run at least once more this season.

"If it's the worst case scenario and I have a stress fracture, I'll probably beg my parents to let me run one last time at the DODDS championship. I'm pretty confident I can win that title even with a stress fracture."

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## Top performances

## Football

**Caleb Ricafort, Perry** — Gained 226 yards and scored three touchdowns, powering the Samurai past Edgen 33-25 Saturday and clinching host rights to the Far East Division II title game.

**Shawn Robinson, Edgen** — Accounted for 122 all-purpose yards, rushed for a touchdown, caught a TD pass and threw a scoring pass in the losing cause.

**DeMarco Andrews, Daegu** — Rushed only five times, but for 240 yards and four touchdowns, completed a pass for 30 yards and had 60 yards on two returns to lead the Warriors past Osan.

**Lewis Harris, Guam** — Closed his Panthers career by catching 12 passes for 185 yards and recording 16 tackles in Saturday's 20-13 quarterfinal loss at John F. Kennedy.

**Shota Sprunger, Yokota** — Had six returns for 199 yards and ran seven times for 52 yards and two scores, helping the Panthers snap a three-game losing streak 50-19 Friday against Zama.

**Jaedon Baker, Zama** — Returned fumbles 70 and 38 yards for touchdowns for the Trojans in the losing cause.

**Dre Paylor, Kinnick** — Ran for 241 yards and a touchdown on 27 carries, picked off two passes and recorded 10 tackles in the Red Devils' first

defeat of the season, 15-9 Friday at American School in Japan.

**Winston Maxwell, Kubasaki** — Playing despite a sore wrist and sprained ankle, ran for 168 yards on 27 carries, helping the Dragons rally from an 8-7 deficit for a 15-8 win Thursday at Kadena. The win puts the Dragons in the Nov. 8 Far East Division I title game for the fourth straight season.

## Tennis

**Rikki Kendall, E.J. King** — Led an eight-match sweep by the Cobras in their annual visit to Daegu, blanking Jimmy Bradford of the Warriors 8-0.

## Girls volleyball

**Miranda Fino, Kubasaki** — The junior setter dish out her first win of the Okinawa season last Wednesday at the Kishaba Housing Area course on Camp Foster, running the 3.12-mile event in 20 minutes, 35 seconds.

## Cross country

**Zoe Jarvis, Kubasaki** — The Dragons sophomore got her first win of the Okinawa season last Wednesday at the Kishaba Housing Area course on Camp Foster, running the 3.12-mile event in 20 minutes, 35 seconds.

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# Patriots scramble to fill gap left by injured Ridley

By HOWARD ULMAN  
The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — One thing is certain about the New England Patriots running game.

Stevan Ridley won't be part of it for a while.

Just who will play an increased role after the Patriots top rusher suffered a serious right knee injury remains a mystery.

Shane Vereen is the primary backup, but his greatest value is as a receiver. Brandon Bolden is a special teamer who rarely plays offense. Rookie James White has been active for one game. Jonas Gray has been on the practice squad all season.

Whoever sees more action won't face the stiffest competition Thursday night when the Patriots (4-2) play the Jets (1-5).

But New York's biggest problems have come on offense, not with the NFL's eighth-ranked run defense.

"I'm confident with all those guys that are out there," quarterback Tom Brady said Tuesday. "You sit in all the same meetings as all the other guys sit in. You're getting, maybe not quite as many reps, but you're being coached the same way."

The injury comes just as the Patriots offense is rolling. They scored 80 points in the past two games after totaling the same amount in the first four. And Brady is coming off his best game of the season with 361 yards passing and four touchdown passes.

Ridley hurt his right knee in the third quarter of Sunday's 37-22 win over the Buffalo Bills. He leads the Patriots with 340 yards rushing, has run for more than 100 yards twice this season and has 21 touchdowns on the ground since 2012 led the AFC.

And he hasn't lost a fumble after doing that twice in 2012 and four times in 2013.

The Patriots have declared Ridley out for the game but haven't made a roster move with him or linebacker Jerod Mayo, who was carted off the field in the second quarter Sunday after hurting his right knee.

Ridley appeared distraught while being helped off, but Gray has seen him since then.

"He's a pretty upbeat guy," Gray said. "He stays pretty positive about stuff. He's been through a lot in his career, period, so this is just another setback for a big comeback."

Bolden was signed as an undrafted free agent before the 2012 season. In his third game as a rookie, he rushed 16 times for 137 yards and a touchdown. But in 28 NFL games, he has just 126 carries for 570 yards.

So can he carry the ball 20 times in a game and still be effective on special teams?

"You have to see if that happens," Bolden said. "That would be great



STEPHAN SAVOIA/AP

**Patriots running back Jonas Gray, left, and Brandon Bolden take part in a walk-through Tuesday in Foxborough, Mass. The Patriots are potentially looking to Gray and Bolden fill the void left by injured Stevan Ridley when the team hosts the Jets on Thursday night.**



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to hear it, but I'm just going into this game just doing whatever they ask me to do, whether it's special teams or offense."

White was drafted in the fourth round after finishing his career with 4,015 yards rushing at Wisconsin, third most in school history. But in his only action this year, late in a 41-14 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs, he ran three times for 21 yards.

"You just have to stay ready at all times," White said. "You never know when your number's going to be called. You work hard during practice, continue to show

that you're capable of playing if that opportunity does come."

Bolden and Gray are closest to the 220-pound Ridley in size.

And while Gray hasn't been on an active roster yet — spending 2012 on Miami's physically unable to perform list and 2013 on Baltimore's practice squad — he attends the same practices and meetings as the rest of the team.

He's learned from Ridley in the running backs sessions.

"He runs with reckless abandon," Gray said. "It's good that we sit right next to each other in the meeting room. So whenever he sees something he asks me a question. He's like, 'What do you think I should have done here?' and I always ask him (questions). We kind of absorb off each other, so he's kind of a big brother."

Now that Ridley's hurt, Gray says his preparation doesn't change.

"The staff does a good job of making sure we're preparing the same way every game," Gray said. "The guys that aren't playing the game are getting extra film study, extra work, so for me it's the same mindset."

## Statistics

### AFC individual leaders

Quarterbacks				
	Att	Yds	TD	Int
R. Rivers, SND	190	138	17	2
P. Manning, DEN	191	127	15	3
L. Luck, IND	167	172	18	1
Hoyer, CLE	149	90	12	7
Dalton, CIN	151	103	12	6
Flacco, BAL	220	140	15	2
Brady, NE	201	131	14	4
Rodriguez, PIT	210	90	13	8
A. Smith, KAN	158	100	10	4
Fitzpatrick, IND	167	104	12	6

Runners				
	Att	Yds	LG	TD
L. Pitt, PIT	105	542	51	8
A. Foster, HOU	106	513	48	4
Forsett, BAL	64	408	52	3
Bernard, CIN	88	384	47	8
Ridley, WEA	94	340	36	2
L. Miller, MIA	330	524	24	3
K. Davis, KAN	73	327	48	4
Ivory, NYJ	67	325	48	1
Bradshaw, IND	60	284	47	3
T. Richardson, IND	101	381	32	2

Receivers				
	No	Yds	LG	TD
An. Brown, PIT	41	629	15	4
Hilton, IND	40	604	15	4
Edelman, NYE	40	409	10	4
Smith Sr., BAL	35	573	16	4
E. Sanders, DEN	35	473	13	4
And. Johnson, HOU	34	419	12	3
Wayne, IND	34	419	12	3
Denn. Thomas, DEN	41	491	15	4
Al. Robinson, JAX	30	311	10	4
F. Jackson, BUF	24	245	8	2

Punters				
	No	Yds	LG	AVG
Koch, BAL	17	831	69	48.9
Lechler, HOU	29	1405	71	48.4
Quinn, NYJ	34	1037	64	30.5
McAfee, IND	21	997	61	47.5
Anger, JAX	34	1609	64	47.3
B. Colquitt, DEN	28	1295	60	46.3
R. Allen, WEA	28	1292	63	46.1
Kern, IND	20	1032	45.7	
D. Colquitt, KAN	20	889	64	44.5
M. King, OAK	27	1594	61	44.2

Punt Returners				
	No	Yds	LG	TD
Hammond Jr., KAN	13	152	11	4
Jac. Jones, BAL	8	82	10	3
Carrie, OAK	13	137	11	2
Edelman, NYE	15	122	8	1
An. Brown, PIT	13	105	8	1
McKinnin, BUF	10	73	7	1
Whalen, IND	18	120	6	2
Dann. Johnson, HOU	9	54	6	1
J. Landry, MIA	9	51	7	1
Burns, DEN	10	52	5	2

Kickoff Returners				
	No	Yds	LG	TD
Spiller, BUF	9	303	10	1
J. Landry, MIA	13	413	31	7
Jac. Jones, BAL	14	441	28	3
Todman, JAX	17	453	26	4
K. Davis, KAN	9	212	23	3
L. Murray, OAK	12	282	23	3
Br. Tate, CIN	12	217	21	3
Haskin, NYJ	12	279	21	4
L. Washington, TEN	10	206	20	0

Touchdowns				
	Td Rush	Rec Ret	Pts	
Ju. Thomas, DEN	6	0	0	36
Gates, SND	6	0	0	36
Madhavan, IND	5	0	0	30
An. Brown, PIT	5	0	0	30
A. Foster, HOU	5	0	0	30
Rodriguez, PIT	5	0	0	30
Denn. Thomas, DEN	4	0	0	24
Bernard, CIN	4	0	0	24
Crowell, CLE	4	0	0	24

Kicking				
	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Gostkowski, NYE	16-16	16-15	33	64
Vinateri, IND	21-21	12-12	48	57
Tucker, BAL	17-17	13-12	42	51
Novak, IND	18-18	12-12	50	54
D. Carpenter, BUF	9-9	13-15	58	48
Nugent, IND	13-13	9-11	49	48
Sulshain, PIT	13-13	11-12	48	48
Bullock, HOU	13-13	9-11	51	48
Sturgis, MIA	13-13	9-10	51	48
Succop, TEN	11-11	9-11	47	38

NFC individual leaders				
Quarterbacks				
	Att	Yds	TD	Int
A. Rodgers, GBY	189	122	14	1
C. Palmer, ARI	81	52	9	4
R. Mendenhall, PIT	181	119	15	1
R. Wilson, SEA	139	92	9	8
Cutler, CHI	229	156	16	10
R. Kaepernick, SF	186	119	15	1
E. Manning, NYG	192	125	13	5
M. Ryan, WAS	184	109	13	2
C. Newton, CAR	175	108	12	7
Brees, NOR	139	150	17	9

Runners				
	Att	Yds	LG	TD
D. Murray, DAL	116	422	34	2
M. McCoy, PHO	116	422	34	2
Gore, SF	93	332	14	7
Forde, CHI	99	399	40	1
R. Jennings, NYG	91	312	43	2
A. Morris, WAS	97	386	39	2
M. Lynch, SEA	79	367	45	3
Lacy, GBY	80	365	38	2
A. Ellington, ARI	81	305	37	2
Kh. Robinson, NOR	61	304	43	6

Receivers				
	No	Yds	LG	TD
Forté, CHI	46	376	8	1
Ju. Jones, ATL	44	620	14	4
J. Nelson, GBY	43	632	14	7
G. Tate, DET	38	495	13	5
B. Bryant, DAL	36	439	12	6
M. Bennett, CHI	36	364	10	1
J. Graham, NOR	34	376	11	2
Slater, CAR	33	388	13	3
Boldin, SF	32	397	12	3
Cooks, NOR	23	255	8	3

Punters				
	No	Yds	LG	AVG
Way, WAS	29	1423	64	49.1
Sa. Martin, DET	29	1234	45	42.5
A. Lee, SF	21	968	56	46.1
R. Ryan, SEA	22	1066	62	48.5
C. Jones, DAL	18	821	62	45.6
Westphall, NYG	31	1412	71	45.5
Marshall, GBY	23	1041	48	45.3
Locke, MIN	15	674	60	44.9
Morris, NOR	30	1332	42	44.4

Punt Returners				
	No	Yds	LG	TD
Giles Jr., ARI	8	126	16	7
Spencer, NYG	18	280	15	8
Hester, ATL	10	125	12.5	0
Ph. Brown, CAR	10	120	12	0
R. Ryan, SEA	15	173	13	0
S. Patton, TAM	10	112	11	0
Roberts, WAS	11	113	10	0
Walters, SEA	14	114	21	0
Sherels, MIN	13	113	8	1
R. Ellington, SF	13	103	7	0

Kickoff Returners				
	No	Yds	LG	TD
C. Patterson, MIN	10	351	27	4
Dw. Harris, DAL	11	285	25	3
J. Cunningham, STL	7	208	23	0
Du. Harris, GY	8	202	25	4
W. Hill, CAR	7	202	23	0
Hester, ATL	14	334	23	0
Harvin, SEA	12	293	23	0
P. Patton, TAM	17	393	23	2
Ph. Brown, CAR	10	218	21	0
Dempis, MIN	11	234	21	0

Touchdowns				
	Td Rush	Rec Ret	Pts	
Cobb, GBY	6	0	0	44
M. Lynch, SEA	6	0	0	44
D. Murray, DAL	6	0	0	36
Slater, CAR	6	0	0	36
J. Nelson, GBY	5	0	0	30
Slater, CAR	5	0	0	30
A. Smith, ATL	5	0	0	30
T. Williams, DAL	5	0	0	30
M. Bennett, CHI	4	0	0	24
Asa, MIN	4	0	0	24

Kicking				
	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
D. Bailey, DAL	18-18	13-13	43	57
Parkey, PIT	21-21	12-13	51	57
Dawson, SF	15-15	12-14	55	51
Garcon, ARI	14-14	11-11	51	48
Gano, CAR	13-13	12-14	53	49
Walsh, MIN	9-9	11-11	55	42
Gaudich, SEA	14-14	9-10	48	48
Crosby, NYG	10-10	8-8	58	39
Hausch, CHI	15-16	8-9	45	39

NFC team statistics				
	OFFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
New Orleans	315.0	133.0	309.8	
Atlanta	410.0	103.2	306.8	
San Francisco	378.0	103.3	274.7	
Washington	395.8	99.1	296.5	
Philadelphia	378.3	116.0	262.3	
St. Louis	362.0	104.3	257.0	
Chicago	370.2	107.3	262.5	
San Francisco	365.3	104.3	261.0	
Carolina	342.8	86.8	257.0	
San Francisco	365.3	104.3	261.0	
Detroit	330.2	86.3	243.8	
N.Y. Giants	329.3	115.0	214.3	
San Francisco	319.2	124.2	195.0	
Minnesota	314.7	119.8	194.8	



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Notre Dame looks to end big-game failures

Irish haven't beaten a top-ranked team since 1993, take aim at No. 2 Florida St.

By TOM COYNE  
The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Big games have meant one thing in recent years for Notre Dame: losses. Big losses. Really big losses.

The Fighting Irish, who last won a national championship 26 years ago, haven't beaten a top-ranked team since 1993. They haven't beaten a No. 2-ranked team since 1990.

And they are 1-16 overall against top five teams dating back to 1998 — losing those games by an average of nearly 23 points. Only two losses were by fewer than 13 points.

Notre Dame's only victory came in 2005 against third-ranked Michigan in Charlie Weis' first year as coach; that Wolverines' team finished the season 7-5 and unranked.

Every time the Irish look as though they're close to being back on top, they have been exposed — including double-digit losses in the Fiesta Bowl in 2001 and 2006, the 2007 Sugar Bowl and the 42-14 drubbing by Alabama in the national championship two seasons ago.

Fifth-ranked Notre Dame (6-0) is hoping to change that when it faces No. 2 Florida State (6-0) on Saturday.

"That's how you're measured as a program when you're talking top five teams," coach Brian Kelly said Tuesday. "Those are the games that you want to win, certainly."

"But I think before I got here, I don't know that we had a top 25 win, so we're moving up the ladder and certainly want to get

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Brian Kelly  
Notre Dame coach

to that point where we're talking about beating top five."

There hasn't been much fight in the Irish since Lou Holtz left in 1996. And before Kelly arrived in 2010, Notre Dame had lost 10 straight games to ranked teams over the previous four seasons.

Under Kelly, the Irish are 8-7 against ranked opponents, with half those victories during the 12-0 regular season in 2012. But he's 0-2 at Notre Dame against top five teams and 0-4 overall as a head coach.

The Notre Dame coach who fared best against top five opponents was Frank Leahy, posting an 11-2 record between 1941 and 1953, missing two seasons because of World War II. Holtz has the second-best record at 12-8, including going 12-3 between 1988 and 1995.

Holtz said during a telephone interview that he was so successful against ranked opponents because he set high expectations.

"It's not rocket science. It isn't about the coaches. Give your players something they can do



JOE RAYMOND/AP

**Notre Dame running back Tarean Folston scores the winning touchdown last week against North Carolina. The Irish face a tougher challenge this week against No. 2 Florida State. Notre Dame has a history of collapsing against top-ranked teams, with their last win over a No. 2 team coming in 1990.**

and demand they do it. That's all," he said.

Kelly said there's no secret to beating top teams — it's just about winning.

"You get yourself in it consistently, and then you breakthrough and you start playing at that caliber," he said.

"I think it's a process and a journey that we're on as a program. And we expect to beat Florida State."

Odds makers don't necessarily

agree, as Notre Dame is a 12-point underdog against the Seminoles. But the Irish have surprised Las Vegas before.

The fifth-ranked team was 11.5-point underdogs at No. 8 Oklahoma in 2012, and won 30-13. They were even bigger underdogs — 21.5 points — in the 20-6 win over UCLA in 2007, when the Irish lost their first five games and finished the season 3-9.

Not surprisingly, Kelly is not only predicting a win, but a rela-

tively easy one.

"I think they'll win by at least 10," Holtz said. "I don't say that to put pressure on Notre Dame, but I think Notre Dame is a better football team than Florida State."

Kelly said he doesn't believe a loss in Tallahassee will end Notre Dame's playoff hopes.

"It's an important game for us. I don't think our kids look at it as a make-or-break kind of scenario," he said.

## No. 8 Michigan State still fine-tuning its defense



AJ Mast/AP

**Michigan State linebacker Darien Harris runs through the end zone after intercepting a pass and running it in for a touchdown last week against Purdue.**

By DAN KILBRIDGE  
The Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — The pieces are in place. Now Michigan State's defense just needs a bit of fine-tuning.

"I think we're playing OK," coach Mark Dantonio said Tuesday. "Statistically, we have given up some plays, but we have won the football games."

The Spartans (5-1, 2-0 Big Ten) need to allow fewer "explosive plays," Dantonio said, defining those as runs of 15 yards or more and passes of 20 yards or more. And that work starts with slowing the nation's leading runner, Indiana's Tevin Coleman, when the Spartans travel to Indiana (3-3, 0-2) on Saturday.

Last weekend, Michigan State's defense allowed 14 points in the 4th quarter, including a 52-yard touchdown run, and 340 yards during the 45-31 win at Purdue. The team didn't perform as well as it did one week prior against Nebraska, perhaps the best showing of the season.

"I think we had more energy against Nebraska," sophomore linebacker Riley

Bullough said. "I think we've just got to finish. We did a pretty good job, we've just got to keep our momentum rolling from the first three quarters and we'll be fine."

The Spartans actively pursued Coleman as a defensive back in high school. In last season's meeting with Michigan State, Coleman looked just fine at tailback, breaking free for a 64-yard run just over a minute into the game on the Hoosiers' first possession, putting Indiana up 7-0.

That play serves as a reminder of what the Hoosiers' star running back is capable of this week.

"We can see that from last year and we can see it from this year in how he's been playing," senior middle linebacker Taiwan Jones said. "We know we gotta go in, eliminate their big plays on offense in general and continue playing Michigan State football."

In the end, Michigan State beat Indiana 42-28 last year, but those 28 points were tied for the most the Spartans gave up all season.

Indiana's up-tempo offense also gave Michigan State trouble when it traveled

to Bloomington in 2012. The Spartans saw a similar looking offense in Oregon early this season, and will look to shore things up having given up 46 points to the Ducks.

"We saw how we performed the first time. Now we've made our adjustments — how are we going to react to it this time? It'll be that Oregon pace and we'll see how we fared up against it," junior defensive end Shilique Calhoun said.

But Michigan State is second in rushing defense in the Big Ten and rose to the occasion the last time it faced an elite tailback in Nebraska's Ameer Abdullah, who entered East Lansing as the nation's top back and was held to just 45 yards and 1.9 yards per carry. It was the first sign that this Spartans defense, which includes six new starters, could stack up against any offense in the country.

"We're coming as a defense," Dantonio said. "I think we are playing some younger players and they are getting better. I think we're just trying to continue to strive towards being perfect."

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL/MLB PLAYOFFS



GERRY BROOME/AP

Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston, the 2013 Heisman Trophy winner, faces a student code of conduct hearing to determine if he violated four sections of the code of conduct. The hearing is the result of a claim by a female student that Winston sexually assaulted her in December 2012.

# Winston adviser: Hearing result of media pressure

By KAREEM COPELAND  
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The adviser for the family of Jameis Winston has asked Florida State why it has chosen now to engage in the Title IX process and accuses the school of trying to protect its own interests and responding to media pressure, according to a letter obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press.

Florida State announced last week it will use an independent official in a student code of conduct hearing. A female student said Winston sexually assaulted her in December 2012.

Attorney David Cornwell notes in a letter that university and federal policy requires a timely investigation. He asks university officials why Florida State has ignored those guidelines and writes that Winston deserves a prompt explanation.

Winston was never arrested and Florida State Attorney Willie Meggs declined to press charges against Winston last December due to a lack of evidence.

The AP does not identify people who say they are victims of sexual abuse.

No date has been set for the university hearing. Florida State has notified Winston that the hearing will be held to determine if four sections of the code of conduct have been violated, two for sexual misconduct, two for endangerment. The quarterback has five class days from last Friday to respond to the university.

Florida State spokeswoman

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Jimbo Fisher  
Florida State football coach

Browning Brooks Tuesday declined comment beyond what the university released in its timeline last week. However, she referred to two passages in the release that she said explains the delay in which Cornwell is inquiring about.

In the release, Florida State said the athletic department did not file a report with the Title IX administrator or Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities after Winston and two other student-athletes that were present said the sex was consensual. The decision was based on that and the Tallahassee Police Department's decision not to press charges in January 2013.

The university also said because the Victims Advocate Program continued to have “confidential interactions” with the woman for months, they were “duty-bound not to share any of the information with FSU Title IX officials.”

The university stated that the woman was not made available for an interview with the school until Aug. 6, 2014. The woman's lawyers have maintained that she was willing to talk throughout the process.

Baine P. Kerr, one of the woman's attorneys, released a statement on behalf of his client Friday in response to Florida State's timeline. He said the university was “trying to do a little preventative damage control” and said the university's timeline was full of errors.

In its release, Florida State said that the only people aware of the incident before January 2013 were Tallahassee police, campus police and the Victims Advocate Program.

The program is not required to share information with school officials as a way to help victims. Florida State said its Title IX officials didn't become aware of the incident until November 2013, when contacted by the Tallahassee Police Department.

Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher has said recent media reports about the investigation haven't revealed any new facts. He doesn't expect the reigning Heisman winner to miss any games this season due to this case.

“This country is based off being innocent until proven guilty, not guilty ‘til you’re proven innocent,” Fisher said. “There is no victim because there was no crime.”

# Find: Giants getting it done in different ways

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a stretch of 16 straight Giants retired since Tim Hudson's two-out single in the fourth. After failing on two sacrifice attempts, Juan Perez singled to bring up Blanco.

Blanco fouled off a bunt try, too, but then pushed one to the left side of the mound and the left-handed Choate's sidearm throw sailed past lunging second baseman Kolten Wong, who was covering first.

“We had trouble getting the bunt down,” Crawford said. “So I was happy he got it down. He put it in a great spot and made those guys make a play, and fortunately (we) saw the throw go wide.”

Choate blamed himself. He has done pitcher fielding practice for decades.

“That's the stuff you dream about when you're a kid, besides hitting the homer,” Choate said. “Being out on the mound in a game like that with a crowd like that on the road, those are the kinds of challenges I look forward to. I love being out there for that. That's just what makes that all the more disappointing, is that ball would get away from me like that.”

The Giants had a 4-3 lead before Randal Grichuk hit a tying homer with one out in the seventh, chasing Hudson.

A wild pitch, a wide throw and an 18-inning marathon. That's how these playoff-tested Giants have done it so far.

“Everybody's saying: ‘How are the Giants doing it? How are the Giants winning games?’” Blanco said. “We just really believe in each other.”

This San Francisco walkoff win came 12 years to the day after Kenny Lofton's single in the ninth inning ended the 2002 NLCS against the Cardinals and sent the Giants to the World Series.

It also came on a day Hall of Famer Willie McCovey surprised players with his return to the ballpark after a long stint in the hospital nursing an infection.

“How great is that? Huge. He really wanted to be here,” CEO Larry Baer said.

In the Division Series clincher only a week earlier against Washington, Joe Panik scored the go-ahead run in a 3-2 win on Aaron Barrett's bases-loaded wild pitch. That came after winning Game 2 by a 2-1 score in 18 innings.

The Giants also scored the tying run in the ninth inning of Sunday's 5-4 Game 2 loss on a wild pitch.

“We are finding ways to do it. We play interesting baseball, especially late in games,” said Jeremy Affeldt, who pitched 1½ innings in relief of Hudson.

Playing without injured catcher Yadier Molina, the Cardinals had their chances. They squandered Wong's double in the second before he delivered a wind-aided, two-run triple in the fourth.

A.J. Pierzynski went hitless in four at-bats starting as Molina nursed a strained left oblique. St. Louis returned to AT&T Park in the postseason for the first time since losing Games 6 and 7 of the 2012 NLCS, which it had led 3-1.

Javier Lopez got the first two outs of the 10th before Jon Jay's single, just the third hit by a left-handed batter against Lopez since he joined San Francisco in 2010. Two of those are by Jay this series.

Sergio Romo entered and retired Matt Holliday on a full-count grounder to third that Pablo Sandoval snared and fired to first.

“We don't do anything easy,” Bochy said. “We might have got a little lucky there with Perez when he couldn't get a bunt down and he gets a base hit. But Blanco laid down a beauty.”



DAVID J. PHILLIPS/AP

St. Louis second baseman Kolten Wong sits in the dirt near first base after San Francisco won Game 3 of the National League Championship Series on a throwing error Tuesday in San Francisco.

# MLB PLAYOFFS

## Scoreboard

### League Championship Series

(Best-of-7)  
x-if necessary  
American League  
Kansas City 3, Baltimore 0  
Kansas City 8, Baltimore 6, 10 innings  
Kansas City 6, Baltimore 4  
Monday: Baltimore at Kansas City, p.p.d., rain  
Tuesday: Kansas City 2, Baltimore 1  
Wednesday: Baltimore (Gonzalez 10-9) at Kansas City (Vargas 11-10)  
x-Thursday: Baltimore at Kansas City  
x-Friday: Kansas City at Baltimore  
x-Saturday: Kansas City at Baltimore  
National League  
San Francisco 2, St. Louis 1  
San Francisco 3, St. Louis 9  
St. Louis 5, San Francisco 4  
Tuesday: San Francisco 5, St. Louis 4, 10 innings  
Wednesday: St. Louis (Miller 10-9) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 8-13)  
Thursday: St. Louis at San Francisco  
x-Saturday: San Francisco at St. Louis  
x-Sunday: San Francisco at St. Louis

### World Series

(Best-of-7)  
x-if necessary  
Tuesday, Oct. 21: at American League  
Wednesday, Oct. 22: at AL  
Friday, Oct. 24: at National League  
Saturday, Oct. 25: at NL  
x-Sunday, Oct. 26: at NL  
x-Tuesday, Oct. 28: at AL  
x-Wednesday, Oct. 29: at AL

### Tuesday

#### Royals 2, Orioles 1

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Marks rf	4	0	1	0	Aescor ss	4	0	0	0
De Aza lf	4	0	0	0	Aoki rf	3	0	1	0
A.Jones cf	4	0	0	0	J.Dyson pr-cf	1	1	0	0
N.Guzar dh	4	0	0	0	L.Gale cf	4	1	2	0
Pearce lb	4	1	1	0	Hosmer lb	3	0	2	0
JHardy ss	3	0	1	1	BButler dh	1	0	0	1
Flaherty 3b	1	0	0	0	Adornit c	3	0	1	0
Hundley c	3	0	0	0	S.Perez c	3	0	0	0
Schoop 2b	3	0	0	0	Moskos 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	30	1	3	1	Totals	28	2	7	2
Baltimore	000	101	00x-2		Kansas City	010	000	00x-1	
Kansas City 1, Orioles 4									
DP—Baltimore 1, LOB—Baltimore 4									
Kansas City 4, 2B—Pearce (1), J.Hardy (1), SF—B.Butler.									

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
W.Chen L0-1	5	7	2	2	1	4
Gausman	2	0	0	0	0	1
Kansas City						
Guthrie	5	3	1	1	2	2
Fraser W0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
K.Herrera	1	0	0	0	0	2
W.Davis R1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
G.Holland S3-3	1	0	0	0	0	1
T—255, A—40,183 (37,903).						

#### Giants 5, Cardinals 4 (10)

St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi	San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi
McCrnt 3b	5	0	1	0	GBlanc cf	4	0	0	0
Jay c	5	2	3	0	Panik 2b	4	0	0	0
Holliday 1b	3	1	1	1	K.Pescy c	4	1	1	0
Madms lb	4	0	0	0	Sanford 3b	3	1	1	0
J.Peters ss	4	0	0	0	W.Davis lf	3	1	1	1
Wong 2b	4	0	2	2	Belt lf	3	1	0	0
Przyne c	4	0	0	0	Iskhanif lf	3	0	1	0
Greene 1b	1	0	1	1	J.Heldt p	0	0	0	0
Lackey p	1	0	0	0	McSall p	0	0	0	0
Deschals ph	1	0	0	0	Morse ph	1	0	0	0
Neshek p	1	0	0	0	Romo p	0	0	0	0
Bourjos ph	1	0	0	0	Thudun p	2	0	1	0
Choate p	0	0	0	0	J.Perez lf	2	0	1	0
Totals	38	4	9	4	Totals	30	4	9	4
St. Louis	000	201	100	0-4	San Francisco	400	000	100	1-5
NP—when winning run scored: E—Choate (1), DP—San Francisco 1, LOB—St. Louis 4, San Francisco 5, 2B—Wong (1), Pence (1), Ishikawa (2), 3B—Wong (1), HR—Griuchik (1), S—G.Blanc.									

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lackey	6	5	4	4	1	3
Gonzales	1	0	0	0	0	1
Neshek	1	0	0	0	0	1
Maness	1	0	0	0	0	0
Choate L0-1	0	1	1	0	1	0
San Francisco						
Thudun	6	7	4	4	0	5
Alfidi	1	0	0	0	0	1
S.Casilla	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	1
J.Lopez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Choate pitched to 3 batters in the 10th, HBP—by Lackey (Sandova), by Thudun (Rios), T—3, A—40, 42,716 (41,915).						

#### Consecutive postseason wins

- (x-active)  
12 — New York Yankees, 1998-99  
12 — New York Yankees, 1927-32  
10 — Kansas City Royals, 1985-2014  
10 — Oakland, 1989-96  
10 — New York Yankees, 1937-41  
9 — Boston, 2007-08



Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas dives headfirst into a dugout suite to make a catch on a ball hit by the Orioles' Adam Jones in Game 3 of the ALCS Tuesday in Kansas City, Mo. The catch was one of two impressive grabs by Moustakas to help the Royals win 2-1.

# Royals on brink of World Series

## Moustakas shines with defense as Kansas City takes 3-0 lead on O's

By DAVE SKRETTA  
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mike Moustakas had his eye on the ball from the moment it left Adam Jones's bat, tracking it against the bright lights of Kauffman Stadium. When it settled into his glove and he tumbled into a dugout suite, a dozen fans were waiting to pick him right back up.

Just like Moustakas has picked up his team during its perfect postseason.  
The third baseman with the four popfly homers dazzled with his glove Tuesday night. And when Billy Butler drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning, the long-downtrodden Kansas City Royals were on their way to a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles and a commanding 3-0 lead in their AL Championship Series.

"It really did fire up the whole stadium," Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer said of his teammate's circus catch. "Hats off to the fans in the dugout suite, pick him up and put him back on the field. That was great. Moose finding ways to get it done."

The wild-card Royals have won 10 straight postseason games, including seven this year, in their first playoff appearance in 29 years.

The only thing that's slowed Kansas City so far was a rainout Monday.

"We've got a snowball effect going right now," Butler said. "The confidence couldn't be any higher. That's when you come to the park each day, focus on the next pitch, focus on your job and just not be the guy to end the streak."

Fresh off a combined three-hitter, Kansas City will send Jason Vargas to the mound for Game 4 on Wednesday, trying to advance to its first World Series since 1985. Miguel Gon-

zalez will go to the mound for the Orioles.

"It's hard to take advantage of mistakes when they're not making any," Orioles first baseman Steve Pearce said. "This is tough. Man, we've got one loss left. We've got to find a way to start pulling this out. We got to find somebody to get it done."

The Orioles are the 34th team to trail 3-0 in a best-of-seven major league postseason series — the only team to come back and win was the Boston Red Sox in the 2004 ALCS against the Yankees, STATS said.

"It's been done before, so that gives you a chance," Jones said. "We've won four games before. Obviously, not in this situation. But we've won four games, four games, four games. So start tomorrow, start in the first inning and get some runs on the board."

The Royals' Jeremy Guthrie and Orioles' Wei-Yin Chen hooked up in a tense pitching duel for five innings, and the game was still 1-1 when Chen gave up a leadoff single to Nori Aoki in the sixth. Eric Hosmer followed with a one-out single to put runners on the corners, and Orioles manager Buck Showalter brought in hard-throwing reliever Kevin Gausman.

Butler greeted him with a fly ball to left field for the tiebreaking run — just the latest example of Kansas City doing all the little things right.

One of the best bullpens in baseball took care of the rest.

Winning pitcher Jason Frasor breezed through the sixth, and Kelvin Herrera and Wade Davis nailed down the next two innings. Greg Holland worked a perfect ninth for his third save of the series, setting off a wild celebration in the stands.

In all, Kansas City pitchers retired the final 16 batters.

It was the 13th game to be decided by one run this postseason, matching the record set in 2011 and tied last year. Six games have gone to extra innings, including the Giants' 5-4, 10-inning victory over the Cardinals hours earlier in the NLCS.

"I wish I didn't have so much stake in it," Showalter said dryly. "I'd probably enjoy watching both teams play more than I do."

After failing to take the lead in the first two games of the series, Baltimore managed to strike first this night, temporarily silencing a frigid, flag-waving capacity crowd.

It happened in the second inning, when Pearce and J.J. Hardy hit back-to-back doubles for a 1-0 lead. Guthrie wiggled out of the jam, though, and grinded through five innings against his former team in his first start since Sept. 26.

Chen matched him pitch-for-pitch until the fourth, when the Royals put together one of their quintessential innings: a pair of blop singles, a walk and a tying RBI groundout.

The Royals played catch with their gloves, too.

Moustakas made a diving grab to rob Pearce of a single in the fourth. Then in the sixth, he tracked that popup by Jones into foul territory, steadied himself at a railing near the dugout, then extended himself to catch the ball and tumbled into the stands.

"They were both tremendous plays," Royals manager Ned Yost said.

By the time the Royals' "Big Three" of Herrera, Davis and Holland had closed it out, the Royals were on the verge of another postseason sweep.

"We've got to zone in on the task at hand," Holland said. "They're not going to lay down. We understand that."



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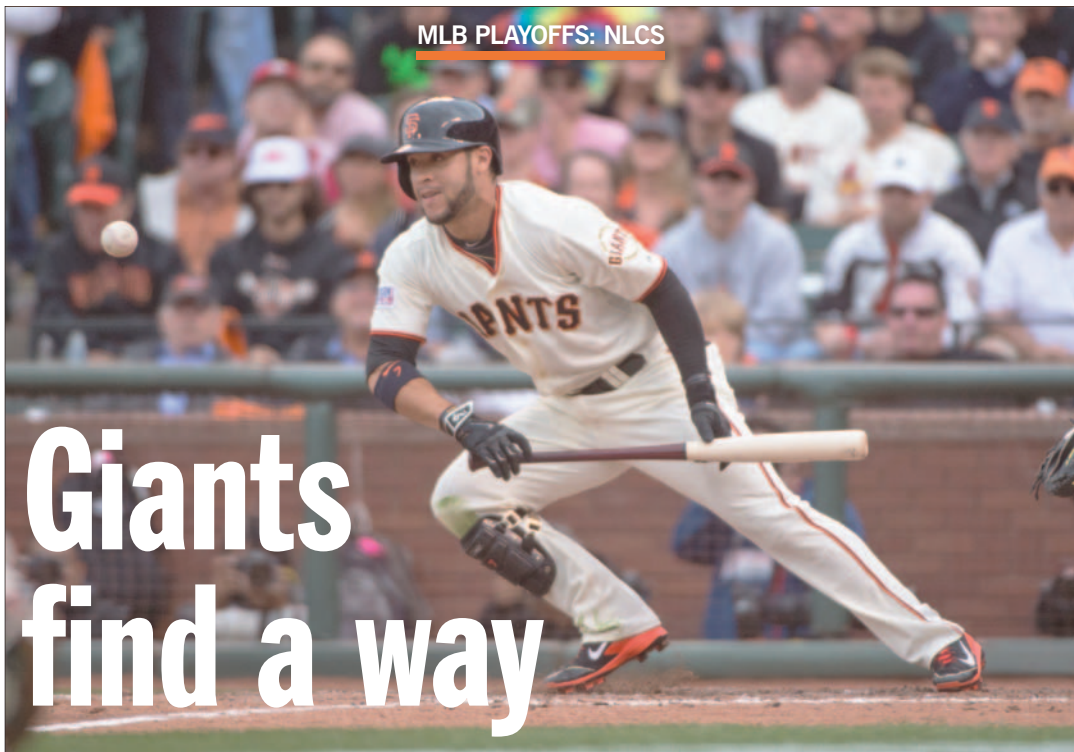


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MLB PLAYOFFS: NLCS

# Giants find a way



JOSE LUIS VILLEGAS, THE SACRAMENTO BEE (ABOVE) AND JEFF CHIU (BELOW)/AP

San Francisco's Gregor Blanco, above, lays down a bunt and reaches first base safely, below, as St. Louis' Kolten Wong is pulled off the base by reliever Randy Choate's wild throw Tuesday during the 10th inning of Game 3 of the National League Championship Series in San Francisco. The error allowed Brandon Crawford to score the winning run.

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## San Francisco uses bunt, bad throw to win Game 3

By JANIE McCauley  
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Bruce Bochy sat back in his chair, took a deep breath and pondered another wacky October win for his San Francisco Giants.

The wild-card Giants finally got a bunt down, and then the baserunning became a breeze. Because come postseason, this bunch sure finds a way.

Pretty? Hardly. And they don't care about style points.

An errant throw by reliever Randy Choate on Gregor Blanco's bunt allowed Brandon

Crawford to score the winning run in the 10th inning, lifting the Giants over the St. Louis Cardinals 5-4 on Tuesday for a 2-1 lead in the NL Championship Series.

"Is this a rule we can't hit a home run?" Bochy joked of his club's non-conventional ways to win.

"We can score runs without hits, we've proven that," third base coach Tim Lincecum said, hours after singing the national anthem with the Grateful Dead.

"I call us the nitty-gritty dirtbags."

Crawford drew an eight-pitch walk from Choate to begin the inning, ending

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